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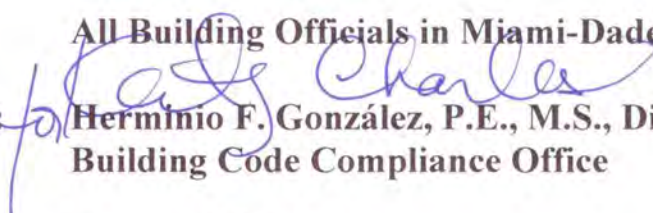
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MEMO

TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

**FROM:  Herminio F. González, P.E., M.S., Director
Building Code Compliance Office**

DATE: August 10th, 2009

SUBJECT: Disabled Veterans Permit Fee Exemption

Please be aware that provisions contained in Florida Statute 295 allow for an exemption of permit fees for entitled disabled veterans. The section of the Statute, provided below, establishes and outlines the prerequisites relating to eligibility.

295.16 Disabled veterans exempt from certain license or permit fee.

A totally and permanently disabled veteran who is a resident of Florida and honorably discharged from the Armed Forces, who has been issued a valid identification card by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17 or has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected 100-percent disability rating for compensation, or who has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the uniformed armed services is not required to pay any license or permit fee, by whatever name known, to any county or municipality in order to make improvements upon a dwelling owned by the veteran which is used as the veteran's residence, if such improvements are limited to ramps, widening of doors, and similar improvements for the purpose of making the dwelling habitable or safe for the veteran.

History.--s. 1, ch. 78-69; s. 4, ch. 83-71; s. 25, ch. 88-290; s. 9, ch. 93-268; s. 11, ch. 2006-69; s. 1, ch. 2006-250; s. 1, ch. 2009-109.

While fees are exempt under the circumstances described, permits must be obtained by authorized individuals and any construction work must be performed in accordance with the Florida Building Code.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Oriol T. Haage of my Staff at (305) 375-2986.