

PRIVATE PROVIDER PROGRAM



GENERAL INFORMATION

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The use of Private Providers is authorized by law in Section 553.791, Florida Statutes, *Alternative Plans Review and Inspection*. The Private Provider is contracted by the Owner to provide building code inspection services, but in technical matters is subject to the authority of the Building Official. Private Provider services may include inspections only, or plans review and inspections. ***The City of Miami will not allow plans review only.*** The Private Provider's role may be modified at any time by submitting a revised "NTBO", subject to the restrictions set forth below.

An Owner may elect to use a Private Provider at any time. However, the Private Provider is recognized only after the City of Miami reviews and accepts the "Notice to Building Official" (NTBO). All documentation must use official City of Miami forms, except that inspection reports may show the Private Provider's letterhead.

Private Provider's role. Private Providers may review plans and perform inspections for the following disciplines only: Building, Roofing, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing. All other disciplines (Zoning, Fire, Public Works, etc.) are handled by the City.

Changing the Private Provider during plans review. If the Private Provider is terminated, or otherwise fails to complete the plan reviews and issue the appropriate affidavits, the Owner may find another Private Provider to finish the reviews and assume all responsibility. Alternatively, the City may take over the plan reviews, but will conduct a full re-review of all disciplines.

Changing the Private Provider during inspections. If the Private Provider is terminated, or otherwise fails to complete the inspections and issue the final compliance documents, the Owner must secure another Private Provider to take over the inspection duties until the completion of the project. ***The City of Miami will not take over inspection duties.***

Fee adjustments for building permits. A reduction in permit fees may apply, as follows: For plans review and inspections, the building department portion of the permit fees will be reduced by up to one third (33.33%). For inspections only (or if the City began to review the plans before the Private Provider election was finalized), the fees will be reduced by up to one half of one third (16.67%).

Private Providers must be registered with the City of Miami. A registration package is available on our website, or upon request to privateprovider@miamigov.com

For questions on the City of Miami's Private Provider program, or about the registration process, contact John R.F. Porfiri, RA, Quality Control Manager, at jporfiri@miamigov.com