**FAQ for Contractor Licenses**

**Who needs a Contractors license in the City of Independence?**
Anyone hired to complete permittable work within the City of Independence.

**What license do I need to obtain?**
General contractor- Class A, B or C general- this license covers framing, footings, and general construction. See below for descriptions of each type of license

Electrical- Master Electrical; this license covers electrical work
Mechanical- Master Mechanical; this license covers HVAC work
Plumbing- Master Plumber; this license covers plumbing

**What is the difference in a class A, B and C general contractors license?**
Class A- Residential and commercial
Class B- Residential and commercial up to 3 stories
Class C- Residential only

**How long are contractor licenses valid?**Contractor licenses expire on December 31 of every year, regardless of the date they are obtained. There is no pro rating available.

**What do I need to provide as qualifications?**The City of Independence require one of the following as qualifications:-ICC or Prometric test scores (from within the last 5 years) of 75% or greater passing
-A current, active license with a jurisdiction that we reciprocate with. (We reciprocate with any jurisdiction that issues licenses in a similar fashion)
-For a general contractors license, you may also provide a bachelors degree in engineering, architecture or construction science from an accredited college or university.

**What is the difference in a Journeyman license and a master license?**Journeymen may **NOT** obtain nor be listed on building permits. All building permits require a master license holder to apply for/obtain permits.

**Can other people work under my license?**You may add “authorized users” to your contractor license; however, you are responsible for the work completed by these individuals.

**Can my company obtain a contractors license for me?**Contractor licenses belong to the licensed individual, **NOT** a company. The license holder must apply for their own license and provide proper identification and qualifications for such license.

**I believe someone is using my license without my permission! What do I do?**If you have reason to believe that your license is being used by someone or a company without your consent, please email us your government issued photo ID and a written statement at BPermits@IndepMo.org, notifying us of this information.

**I have a business license! Why do I need a contractors license as well?**If you have a business license, you have provided documentation that you are allowed to conduct business within the City of Independence.
A contractors license indicates that you have provided documentation that you are qualified to do said work.

**I’ve been in my line of work for years- why do I need a license with the City?**Licensing ensures that the proper steps and requirements have been met in order to help protect consumers.