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To: All Contractors

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Subject: Working Without Permits

The City of Missoula Building Department has received requests from the construction community to do something about people who do not get permits and who may not have a business license while working within the city limits. We have had numerous calls from contractors checking on projects to verify if permits have been purchased. We have also had contractors state that they plan not to get permits and take the risk of being caught every third or fourth project when the only penalty is a double fee.

The city attorney's office has been issuing misdemeanor citations over the past two months that include fines for contractors who begin work before obtaining required permits and for contractors without a city business license.