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There is a problem in the building industry called House Flippers /Remodeler's. The industry is flooded with incompetent persons that don't have the qualifications or knowledge of the building code whom purchase rundown properties and sugar coat the majority of violations. The building departments have no way to distinguish if a person is a real homeowner or Flipper if the property owner lies and says he's the homeowner. Recently a person came into the department asking for a permit to replace their kitchen cabinets in a 1950's residence. And that's all he did, they left the 50's plumbing and electrical and then passed the house off with a new cabinets with Granite counter Tops.

The real estate professional wanted a sigh off on the project which led to an inspection and the discovery of many other issues.

Flippers should be Licensed and held to a higher level of professionalism. Anyone with money can purchase a distressed house to turn a good profit at the expense of the new homeowner. Additionally the building official has no recourse against the flipper, unless we take them to court and that costs the city money. It shouldn't be the building officials job to police this industry that's out of control.

Please License this new profession or write legislation to limits flips to one every 2 years like with the Homowners Exemption.

Thank you for consideration on this issue.

Brian Leathe