

REMODELING NEWS



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CITY OF ROSWELL RECOGNIZES NARI CERTIFICATION FOR LOCAL LICENSURE THAT BEGAN SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

ROSWELL, GA – The City of Roswell is recognizing the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI)-Atlanta’s, Certified Remodeler certification program as an acceptable method of training and testing in order to obtain a building and remodeling contractor’s license in Roswell.

Allen Amick, Chief Inspector for the City of Roswell, attended NARI’s recent membership meeting and announced to a crowd of 150 that he was impressed with the curriculum and testing that is part of NARI’s Certified Remodeler (CR) program.

After reviewing the course content, Mr. Amick determined that NARI’s CR program meets all the requirements set forth by the City of Roswell’s new Building and Remodeling Contractors Licensing Ordinance (No. 2004-02-05). Further, Mr. Amick will provide immediate licensure for any commercial contractors who hold a valid NARI-issued CR card.

Effective September 1, 2004, all commercial building and remodeling contractors will be required to have a license as a condition of permitting in the City of Roswell. Roswell is one of the few municipal governments in Georgia to pass contractor licensing.

Georgia has no current licensing for builders or remodelers. Earlier this year, the Georgia Legislature passed a statewide licensure bill. However, no funding was provided for the legislation. While funding could be provided in 2005, licensure will not take effect for at least another two years.

“Certifications like the Certified Remodeler clearly demonstrate to homeowners that NARI contractors are first-class, and our commitment to combine education and experience enables our members to provide superior remodeling experiences for consumers. We believe, until Georgia has a licensing and certification program for contractors and remodelers, NARI certification is the consumers’ guide to quality service.” said Warner McConaughey, Chair of NARI’s Education Committee and owner of Decatur-based remodeling company HammerSmith.

Roswell’s promise to honor NARI CR training was proven yesterday when Roswell resident Dan Weidmann presented his NARI CR card to city personnel and obtained his Roswell license. Weidmann is the President of Widemann Remodeling-Renovation, a Roswell-based contractor and a member of NARI’s Board of Directors.

“It was an easy process, and I am delighted that Roswell is working with NARI. All of us are interested in building consumer confidence and providing the best possible service for Roswell homeowners. Until now, there were few ways of assuring homeowners that the person they hired was qualified to perform the tasks they said they could,” said Weidmann.

NARI is offering a new series of Certified Remodeler (CR) training classes, beginning on Wednesday, September 15th.

The training series consists of 10 study sessions held every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Carolina Lumber (I-85 and Monroe Road). The classes will culminate in a daylong certification exam on Saturday, December 4th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The cost of the CR series is \$615: a class registration fee of \$385; an exam fee of \$165; and, an administration fee of \$65. A course matrix with requirements and application package is available at www.nari.org.

The CR title distinguishes those contractors who hold themselves to the highest ethical and practical standards within the remodeling industry. Each CR candidate must practice a hands-on approach to every remodeling project and prove capable of overseeing every aspect of a project, including personnel management, job safety, ADA requirements, drawings and specifications, technical skills, and job quality.

In addition, any CR candidate must possess a minimum of five years continuous experience in remodeling; have served two years as a lead carpenter; subscribe to sound business practices and ethics in accordance with standards approved by NARI; and, be dedicated to self-improvement by taking advantage of continuing education program.#

About NARI: The National Association of the Remodeling Industry is the only association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. With more than 6,000 members nationally and more than 250 in Georgia, NARI brings together people who work in the remodeling industry who are dedicated to being the best resource for knowledge and training in their fields. For more information about CLC or CR memberships, or NARI, please visit the website www.nariatlanta.org or call 404-766-7179, extension 23.