



Naples, FL – March 21, 2025 – Nova Homes of South Florida acknowledges the recent article published by *The Naples Press* regarding the ongoing investigation into permit fraud in Collier County. We take these matters seriously and remain committed to full transparency, cooperation, and adherence to all regulatory requirements.

Clarifying Nova Homes' Position

The report references Nova Homes in connection with an investigation involving fraudulent use of an architect's seal. It is important to clarify that Nova Homes, like many other builders in the region, rely on licensed design professionals for architectural approvals. Nova Homes has never—and will never—use an engineering seal. The use of an engineering seal is solely the responsibility of the professionals we engage. Nova Homes became aware of the issue related to Dave Wainscott's use of Gene Cravillion's credentials, when we were provided a memo that was received on January 8th 2025 by Melissa Minacci of the Florida Board of Architecture & Interior Design, provided by Doug Sposito, Deputy Building Official of Collier County. Upon review of the investigation memo, Nova Homes immediately terminated its relationship with Wainscott Designs and moved to hire a replacement architectural & engineering firm to resolve any and all concerns related to the permits as expeditiously as possible.

Commitment to Compliance and Ethics

Nova Homes has built a strong reputation for quality construction and ethical business practices. We expect our partners and subcontractors to uphold the highest standards and strictly adhere to all legal and regulatory requirements. Wainscott Designs failed to meet these obligations, compromising the trust we placed in them, and we are taking this matter very seriously. As soon as Nova Homes was apprised of any fraudulent permit activity, Nova Homes took immediate steps to investigate and address any potential issues affecting our projects.

Cooperation with Authorities

We have offered our full cooperation to local authorities and remain open to full cooperation with any state or federal agencies that may be involved.

Support for Homeowners and Clients

In accordance with the guidelines provided to Nova Homes by Collier County Building Dept., We have successfully transferred all of the affected permits to a replacement architectural & engineering firm. All of those transfers have been reviewed and approved by the Collier County Building Dept.

Looking Forward

Nova Homes remains committed to the integrity and trust we have built with our clients over the years. As the investigation progresses, we support efforts to enhance safeguards against permit fraud. In the meantime, we remain focused on moving our clients' projects forward with the quality and dedication they expect from us.

