

## BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION BOILER SAFETY SECTION

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TO: Florida Boiler Owners

FROM: David Warburton, Chief Boiler Inspector

**SUBJECT: Boiler Owners Fines** 

Pursuant to section 554.114(1)(a), Florida Statutes, a person may not operate a boiler without a valid certificate of operation. The Florida Division of State Fire Marshal ("Division") will only issue, or renew, a certificate of operation to a boiler owner whose boiler is in good standing. To be in good standing, a boiler owner must be current on inspections, paid invoices, and be cleared of all outstanding violations.

Starting on January 01, 2024, boiler owners will be fined \$500.00 by the Division for each boiler that is operating without a current certificate of operation<sup>1</sup>. After 90 days of a boiler operating without a current certificate of operation, the Division may red-tag and shut down the boiler. If an owner operates a boiler that has been red tagged or shut down, then the owner may be fined \$3,500.00 and charged with a misdemeanor crime of the second degree.<sup>2</sup>

Should a boiler owner have questions as to the status of their boiler they can check the Boiler Safety Public Portal or contact the office at 850-413-3723 boiler.safety@myfloridacfo.com

Thank you,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to section 554.1151, Florida Statutes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pursuant to section 775.083, Florida Statutes.