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Dear Sirs:

Government at all levels seems bent on making life more difficult, with more and more laws with the end result being less freedom. Once in awhile it is great to see restrictions eliminated.

That is why it would be so good to eliminate building codes and the requirement for building permits in Kootenai County. Go look at houses that were built before 1930. They are all still standing and are among the best in our county.

I think you can give liberty without giving up quality. Those who want it can hire a private inspector who will certify the structure once it is completed. Those who do not want inspections can operate without them. Remember that most fires come from improper electrical and these permits will still be required.

I once built a building in Moses Lake. We had the plans approved. When the inspector came out he insisted that we install a stair up into the attic. We showed him on the plans that we only planned to install a ladder, and that he had approved the plans. His answer was that just because the plans were approved did not mean they met the various codes.

Ultimately the owner has to be concerned about the quality of the construction. That is the reason that homes are often built without any permit. People do not want the government taking control of their lives.

It is going to cost you very little to make this change. People who really want the County to approve construction can still apply for a permit, though they would be silly to do so.

Please give this matter serious thought.

Thanks
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