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Building Services Division
Planning & Growth Management Dept.

Mr. Wayne Francis, Manager,
S. Hillsborough County
Bldg. Services Division

Dear Mr. Francis,

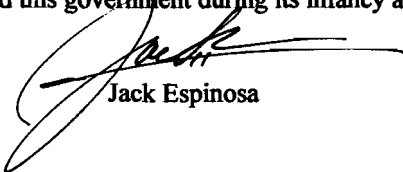
My apologies for this delayed message. Memory lapses associated with "geezer" age are more frequent lately. I simply want to express my appreciation for the courteous and professional manner you handled my enquiry relative a tool shed to be built by a carpenter-handyman (Butch Pulido) an old friend who was confused about policies governing such things. My knowledge on these matters is elementary at best, but after overhearing Pulido's lament and frustration over it all I offered my help. As a former assistant county administrator, I was sure that there was a reasonable solution to his malady. My offer to him was strictly volunteer and limited to fact-finding.

The problem's root, as your aide pointed out, coincided with my suspicion . It was a violation of ordinance resulting in a justifiable fine. Mr. Pulido's limited knowledge of local government led him to assume that the same measures regulated both Tampa City and Hillsborough County.

Knowing full well that ignorance of law is no defense for its violation, Mr. Pulido acknowledged his error and accepted the result.

Your understanding and courteous attention to the matter led to an amiable solution for all. It does me well to see that baseless criticism of " government bureaucrats " is just that --- baseless.

Thank you for doing your job so well and please express my gratitude to employees at the Netpark Office. More than a casual observer, I noted how well they treated taxpayers as I sat in the waiting area. It made me proud to have served this government during its infancy and formative years ----- oh, so long ago.



Jack Espinosa

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