Here is a quick update on the Omaha Contractor Licensing Ordinance—

- An amendment passed to extend the licensing deadline to September 1, 2012.
- There is also a "grandfather clause" amendment in the council process also. Don't get too excited; it basically involves a non-refundable fee of \$500 to \$2500 to cover the cost of researching your past building "history and experience". Then you will be at the discretion of the city as to whether they will give you the class license you need. This would only be an option for the Class B, C, D & E license holders. This option is not available for the Class A license.

Links to getting registered to take the test—

Link to everything you need to know about the test: http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Bulletins/CO-National.pdf

Link to schedule an exam:

http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Pages/ThirdPartyContractorTradesExams.aspx Click on Nebraska, then appropriate Omaha License Exam

Preparing for Exam—

Link to purchase study guides for IBC and IRC Exams:

http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/StoreSearchResults.aspx?cat=StoreSearch&q=2006%20International%20Building%20Code%20Study%20Companion

Since the exam is an open book exam, a codes professional recommended purchasing the Turbo Tabs for manuals to assist in the quick location of sections. Here's link to order: http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/Product.aspx?id=0001TL06

Link to an On-Line Self-Study Test-Prep Course:

http://education2.certification-partners.com/ICC/store/comersus viewItem.asp?idProduct=228

Once you have passed the test and have documentation, go the City of Omaha website to complete the licensing application and pay the fee. Remember, if you have successfully taken the ICC Exam for the appropriate license you need from the city you do not have to take it again. The city will accept the previous test completion for the part of the licensing requirement.