

## **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

### **Can we hire non-licensed contractors by dividing the project into segments costing less than \$20,000?**

The law forbids dividing projects up in this manner with the intent to avoid the licensing requirements. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-25-101(b). However, situations may arise in which the city is not trying to avoid the law, but it may need to do a project in stages over time for other reasons, such as budget limitations. If you find yourself in this or a similar situation, seek the advice of an attorney before proceeding.