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I started my remodel in March 2022 and was told by the contractor it would be completed early June. He told me no permits were necessary even though I continually asked and did not know the first thing about permits. Time went on, I paid money per each invoice, but for items as they popped up, not for our original agreed items. August rolls around and we are about \$70k in when code enforcement stops by. Nothing is up to code and permits are required. No material I paid for showed up. Labor I paid for wasn't completed. I now have to start at the beginning. I had to pay double for permits. I hired another contractor. I made sure to sign an agreement before work started. Two weeks went by, \$13k later, not a single item passed code and I had to have police escort them from my property as they refused to leave and would not refrain from yelling and threatening me. October arrived and I hired another contractor, who said they were licensed. We signed an agreement for all 9 items to be completed within one month. One item was finished within the timeframe, but they said they could not continue without more money. I was extremely desperate at this point as I was staying with a friend and needed to get moved into my house. \$17k and another month later, they stopped showing up and threatened a lien on my home for the remaining money. All items they started, did not finish, is very poor craftsmanship. It was done very poorly and still has to be redone. None of my interior doors close correctly. They broke three of them which I had to return for new ones, or buy new ones as they wouldn't let me return them. They told me the size doors to purchase only to find out they never measured and gave me a generic size. They argued with me nearly the entire time. They built the interior stairs the way they wanted, not how I paid for them to be built. I hired multiple other contractors after to finish the job. They either couldn't perform adequately, didn't show up, completed an item and didn't return, or found other items to add on to the bill. I have my house completed just enough now to move in, but there are items that still haven't passed code and I'm still waiting for my current contractor to show up as he told me "he's waiting for a rainy day", even though he has been completely paid for the job. These so called contractors should have to prove they're worthy and capable to do the job. They should have something to lose if they don't do the job up to code or who simply take off with the money. A license would hold them more accountable. Us consumers are not able to pick the bad from the good when they all show up with a great first impression. We should have a way to be able to decipher between them, and a license will help a great deal.