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The Complete Guide to Hiring a Licensed Contractor

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Residential vs. Commercial

Commercial projects often need

- ☐ Separate/additional state licensing
- ☐ Accessibility (ADA) and fire code compliance
- ☐ More complex permitting and inspection stages

Why Cost Per Square Foot Varies

Regional factors

- ☐ Labor cost differs significantly by metro area
- ☐ Material availability and local supply chains
- ☐ Permitting fees vary by jurisdiction

Verifying a Licensed Contractor

Do this before hiring

- ☐ Check your state licensing board website directly
- ☐ Confirm insurance independently, don't just take their word
- ☐ Actually call the references they provide

Red flags

- ☐ Reluctance to share license info
- ☐ Pressure to sign or pay in full immediately

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