

Biggest Problems in Custom Home Design Review

- Lack of a consistent, effective and integrated process
- No realization that Plan Review **and** Construction Compliance are two sides of the same coin, and that both are fee-based services paid by the end-user
- No Agreement setting forth the roles and expectations of responsible parties
- Lack of prompt, courteous and professional customer service to all stakeholders involved with the process
- Lack of a knowledgeable and motivated “go to” person with the ability to troubleshoot problems, convey technical information and expedite the process
- Plan Review Fees which are insufficient to pay a qualified Reviewing Architect
- No leverage over the Plan-Review timetable of the Reviewing Architect
- Plan Review Fees that **do not include** the cost of Construction Compliance Inspections, Builder Regulation Enforcement, Record Keeping or ARC Meeting Attendance
- Plan Review and Construction Compliance is inadvertently subsidized by the developer, the homeowners association and/or the management company
- Construction Deposits which are unrealistic or non-existent, having little or no deterrent effect
- Failure to collect and properly account for Plan Review Fees and Construction Deposits
- Architectural Review Committees faced with increased exposure to lawsuits and legal challenges of their decisions
- Little or no oversight of the process. Violations are not properly documented or enforced. Too many loose ends with no status reports or updates. **As a result....**
 - Construction begins without plans being submitted for approval
 - Construction begins without a Pre-Construction Meeting on site
 - Construction “stalls out” for no apparent reason
 - Plans are approved but construction does not commence
 - Homes take too long to complete once construction begins
 - Builders deviate from approved plans and walk away from their deposit
 - Home is occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy
 - Home is occupied without a Post-Construction Compliance Inspection
 - Home is sold to a 3rd party without a Post-Construction Compliance Inspection

Design Review Administrators is the first and only Single Source Provider of custom home design review services, a graceful and seamless integration of the entire process, from submission of plans to certificate of occupancy.