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### **Project Spotlight:**

# Malaga Townhomes - Coral Gables, FL - New Construction

We're excited to be part of a groundbreaking new construction project in Coral Gables, FL, where we're providing structural engineering services for a stunning new 3-story residential property. With approximately 12,500 ft² of conditioned space, this home will be a true masterpiece of design and engineering, featuring posttensioned concrete slabs to fully realize the architect's vision.

From design development to final construction documents, we're ensuring every detail aligns with the architectural vision and Florida's strict building codes. We're committed to ensuring that this home is structurally sound, resilient, and built to last.

### **Our Latest Projects:**

- 980 N Federal Highway (Boca Raton, FL) – Commercial Building Recertification
- Dolphin Ct. (Jupiter, FL) Residential Structural Assessment
- Farrell Estates (Wellington, FL) –
   Residential New Construction
   Planned Community
- Hillsboro Mile Ocean Apartments
   Buildings C & D (Hillsboro Beach,
   FL) Milestone Inspection &
   Concrete Restoration
- Gulfstream Road (Jupiter, FL) Residential Structural Design
- Washington Road (West Palm Beach, FL) – Residential New Construction
- NW 62nd St (Fort Lauderdale, FL) –
  Commercial Structural Assessment



## Florida Condominiums at Risk as Inspection Deadlines Pass

The deadline for Florida condominiums to complete mandatory milestone inspections has passed, raising safety concerns in Palm Beach County. Due to legislation enacted after the Surfside Condo collapse in 2021, buildings aged 30 years or older must be inspected. However, over 100 condos in the area have failed to comply, leaving their structural integrity unknown.

During a recent commission meeting, only 455 out of 568 required inspections were submitted by the deadline. The county plans to send non-compliance letters, granting an additional 30 days for responses. If these buildings do not comply, fines of up to \$500 per day may be imposed.

Commissioner Joel Flores (District 3) of the Palm Beach County Board of Commissioners stressed that compliance could be delayed without firm enforcement, potentially endangering residents. The structural engineering community must stay proactive in advocating for safety and adherence to these critical legislative requirements.

News Source: CBS 12 News

### **News & Resources:**

#### Florida Senate Discusses Condo Law Reforms

Florida lawmakers are exploring further reforms to condo laws, which were updated after the 2022 Surfside collapse. The laws require milestone inspections and structural integrity reserve studies (SIRS) for buildings over 30 years old. The first deadline for these inspections was December 31, impacting over 900,000 condos in the state.

Experts at a recent Senate panel highlighted challenges, including poor maintenance due to underfunded reserves rather than structural issues. Tampa-based engineer Matt Kuisle noted a rise in engineering firms offering reserve studies but raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest and exaggerated repair recommendations.

Senator Jennifer Bradley emphasized that these problems have been building for years and called for clearer laws to prevent unnecessary repairs and ensure better transparency for condo owners and buyers. Additional discussions are planned to address these issues in upcoming sessions.

#### Celebrate National Engineers Week – February 16-22, 2025!

National Engineers Week is just around the corner, and it's time to celebrate the incredible contributions of engineers to our world!

From groundbreaking innovations to ensuring the safety and resilience of our structures, engineers make a lasting impact every day. Join us in honoring our engineering teams' hard work, creativity, and dedication during this week-long celebration, February 16-22, 2025.

Let's take this opportunity to highlight the importance of engineering in shaping a better future – and to inspire the next generation of problem solvers!

News Source: WLRN - https://www.wlrn.org