

HOME OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT

Owner's Name: _____

Job Address: _____

You may have been told that a building permit "costs less" or is "easier to get" if you, the homeowner, obtain it. This is NOT true. Our fees and permit issuance policies are the same, regardless of who obtains the permit; **the difference is responsibility. The party who obtains the permit assumes the responsibility for the work done.**

Some unlicensed contractors may advise homeowners to obtain "homeowner" permits for the work they have contracted for. It is illegal to act as a contractor in the City of Temple Terrace without certification and licensing. Contractors must be properly registered with the City of Temple Terrace.

State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own contractor with certain restrictions even though you do not have a license.

You may build or improve a one-family or two-family dwelling residence or farm outbuilding for your own use and occupancy. You may also build or improve a commercial building for your own use and occupancy, provided your costs do not exceed \$75,000.

The following conditions apply to ALL "homeowner" permits

INITIALS:

- The building or residence cannot be for sale or lease. If you sell or lease a building you have built or substantially improved yourself within 1 year after construction is complete, the law will presume that you built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption.

INITIALS:

- You must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction yourself.

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- You may not hire an unlicensed person to act as your contractor or to supervise people working on your building.

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- It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses and insurance as required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances.

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- You may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done.

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- Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your direct supervision and must be employed by you, which means that you must deduct F.I.C.A. and withholding tax and provide workers' compensation for that employee, all as prescribed by law.

INITIALS:

- It is your responsibility to schedule all required inspections.

INITIALS:

- It is your responsibility to ensure that your construction complies with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes and zoning regulations.

Per Florida Statute 489.103(7)

Owner Signature _____ Date _____