



CITY OF OCALA BUILDING DEPARTMENT
OWNER/BUILDER STATEMENT

STATE LAW REQUIRES CONSTRUCTION TO BE DONE BY LICENSED CONTRACTORS

You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. This exemption allows you, as owner of your property, to act as your own contractor **WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS** even though you do not have a license.

You **MUST** provide **DIRECT, ONSITE SUPERVISION OF THE CONSTRUCTION YOURSELF.**

You may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. The building or residence **MUST BE FOR YOUR OWN USE OR OCCUPANCY.** It may **NOT** be **BUILT OR SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED FOR SALE OR LEASE,** Florida Statute 489.103.

If you sell or lease a building you have **BUILT OR SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED** yourself within one (1) year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you **BUILT OR SUBSTANTILLY IMPROVED** it for sale or lease, which is a **VIOLATION OF THIS EXEMPTION.**

You may **NOT** hire an **UNLICENSED PERSON TO ACT AS YOUR CONTRACTOR OR TO SUPERVISE PEOPLE WORKING ON YOUR BUILDING.** It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances. **YOU MAY NOT DELEGATE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING WORK TO A CONTRACTOR WHO IS NOT LICENSED TO PERFORM THE WORK BEING DONE.**

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.

Your construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes and zoning regulations.

The above authority shall be restricted to those homeowners who can demonstrate to the Building Department that they have adequate knowledge and qualifications to safely perform the applicable work.

In addition to the responsibility for safe installations, the applicant assumes all liabilities normally assumed by contractors that are duly licensed. **IGNORANCE OF APPLICABLE RESONSIBLITITES OR LIABILITIES SHALL NOT BE ADEQUATE DEFENSE FOR VIOLATIONS.**

I swear or affirm that I have read and understand the above statement and will abide by all regulations set forth. I also understand that by **NOT** adhering to all the above regulations, I could be charged with **AIDING AND ABETTING AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR, WHICH IS A FIRST DEGREE MISDEMEANOR AND PUNISHABLE AS SUCH.**

Print Name

Signature

Address

Date

As sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 200__.

Form of identification _____

Signature of Notary _____ Notary Stamp: