

CITY OF ALACHUA BUILDING DEPARTMENT

OWNER/BUILDER AFFIDAVIT

Disclosure Statement 489.103(7); 489.503(7)

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 even though you do not have a license. You must supervise the construction yourself. You may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence, or a farm outbuilding. You may also build or improve a commercial building at a cost of \$75,000.00 or less. The building must be for your own use and occupancy. It may not be built for sale or lease. If you sell or lease more than one building you have built yourself within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption. You may not hire an unlicensed person as your contractor. Your construction must be done according to building codes and zoning regulations. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipality licensing ordinances.

For your information, the Owner/Builder becomes liable and responsible for the employees he hires to assist in the construction project. This responsibility may include the following where required by law:

- A. Worker's Compensation (for workers injured on the job)
- B. Social Security Tax (must be deducted from the employee's as well)
- C. Unemployment Compensation (may or may not be required)
- D. Liability Coverage
- E. Federal Withholding Tax

I acknowledge that as an Owner/Builder, I _____ am obligated to actually, physically, build the structure or do the work for which I am applying for a permit.

I understand that if I am not physically doing the work or physically supervising free labor from friends or relatives, that I must hire licensed contractors, i.e. electrician, plumber, mechanical (heating & air conditioning), etc. I further understand that the violation of not physically doing the work, and the use of unlicensed contractors at the construction site, may cause the project to be shut down by the City of Alachua Building Official. State statutes allow for penalties up to \$1,000 and up to 1 year in jail. I also understand that if this violation does occur, that in order for the job to proceed, I will have a licensed contractor come in and sign on the permit as taking the job over. I understand that if I hire subcontractors under a contract price, that they must be licensed to work in the City of Alachua, i.e. masonry, drywall, carpentry, etc.

I will assume full responsibility as an Owner/Builder Contractor, and will personally supervise or do all work allowed by law covered by this permit. Owners must provide direct, onsite supervision themselves of all work not performed by licensed contractors. Duty cannot be delegated.

Property owner address: _____

Permitted address: _____

Lot: _____ Block: _____ Subdivision: _____

1st Telephone: _____ 2nd Telephone: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the above affidavit on this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Owner/Builder Signature: _____ Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn to me this date. _____

Notary Seal:

Notary Signature