



OWNER-BUILDER STATEMENT / AFFIDAVIT

FLORIDA STATUTE 489.103

Florida Statutes are quoted here in part for your information to indicate the authority for exemptions for homeowners from qualifying as contractors and to express any applicable restrictions and responsibilities.

Owners Must Personally Appear in The Building Safety Office To Sign This Document

BY SIGNING THIS STATEMENT, I ATTEST THAT: *(Initial to the left of each statement)*

	I understand that state law requires construction to be done by a licensed contractor and have applied for an owner-builder permit under an exemption from the law. The exemption specified that I, as the owner of the property listed, may act as my own contractor with certain restrictions even though I do not have a license.
	I understand that building permits are not required to be signed by a property owner unless he or she is responsible for the construction and is <u>NOT</u> hiring a licensed contractor to assume responsibility.
	I understand that, as an owner-builder, I am the responsible party of record on a permit. I understand that I may protect myself from potential financial risk by hiring a licensed contractor and having the permit filed in his or her name instead of my own name. I also understand that a contractor is required by law to be licensed in Florida and to list his or her licenses numbers on all permits and contracts.
	I Understand that I may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. I may also build or improve a commercial building if the costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence must be for my own use or occupancy. It may not be built or improved for sale or lease. If a building or residence that I have built or improved myself is sold or leased within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that I built or improved it for sale or lease, which violates this exemption.
	I understand that, as the owner-builder, I must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction.
	I understand that I may not hire an unlicensed individual person to act as my contractor or to supervise persons working on my building or residence. It is my responsibility to ensure that the persons whom I employ have the licenses required by law and by city ordinance.
	I understand that it is frequent practice of unlicensed persons to have the property owner obtain an owner-builder permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and materials. I, as an owner-builder, may be held liable and subjected to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person or his or her employees while working on my property. My homeowner's insurance may not provide coverage for those injuries. I am willfully acting as an owner-builder and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property.
	I understand that I may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done. <u>Any person working on my building who is not licensed must work under my Direct Supervision and must be employed by me, which means that I must comply with laws requiring the withholding of federal income tax and social security contributions under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and must provide workers compensation for the employee.</u> I understand that my failure to follow these laws my subject me to serious financial risk
	I agree that, as the party legally and financially responsible for this proposed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws and requirements that govern owner-builders as well ordinances, building codes, fire codes and zoning regulations.

