

OWNER-BUILDER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Please read the following instructions before signing:

Permit Number: _____

1. I understand that State law requires construction to be done by a licensed contractor and I have applied for an Owner-Builder Permit under an exemption from the law. The exemption specifies 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.
2. I understand that Building Permits are not required to be signed by a property owner unless he is responsible for the construction and is not hiring a licensed contractor to assume responsibility.
3. 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 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 license numbers on permits and contracts.
4. I understand that I may build or improve a one-family residence, two-family residence, or farm outbuilding. I may also build or improve a commercial building if the costs do not exceed \$75,000.00. The building or residence must be for my own use or occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved for sale or lease. If a building or residence that I have built or substantially improved myself is sold or leased within one year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that I built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which violates the exemption.
5. I understand that, as the owner-builder, I must provide direct, on-site supervision of the construction.
6. I understand that I may not hire an unlicensed 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 County or municipal ordinance.
7. I understand that it is a 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 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.
8. 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. 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. I understand that my failure to follow these laws may subject me to serious financial risk.
9. 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 owners-builders, as well as employers. I also understand that the construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

Address of Property

- 10. I understand that I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an employer from the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Small Business Administration, the Florida Department of Financial Services, and the Florida Department of Revenue. I also understand that I may contact the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board at (850) 487-1395 or www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/pro/cilbfor for more information about licensed contractors.
- 11. I am aware of, and consent to, an Owner-Builder Permit applied for in my name, and understand that I am partly legally and financially responsible for the proposed construction activity at the following address:
- 12. I agree to notify Pasco County immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of the information that I have provided on this disclosure.

Licensed contractors are regulated by laws designed to protect the public. If you contract with a person who does not have a license, the Construction Industry Licensing Board and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation may be unable to assist you with any financial loss that you sustain as a result of a complaint. Your only remedy against an unlicensed contractor may be in civil court. It is also important for you to understand that if an unlicensed contractor or employee of an individual or firm is injured while working on your property, you may be held liable for damages. If you obtain an Owner-Builder Permit and wish to hire a licensed contractor, you will be responsible for verifying whether the contractor is properly licensed and the status of the contractor's compensation coverage.

I certify that I have read the foregoing and am aware of my responsibilities and liabilities for construction work on the above-described property and do hereby agree to each of the aforesaid stipulations.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

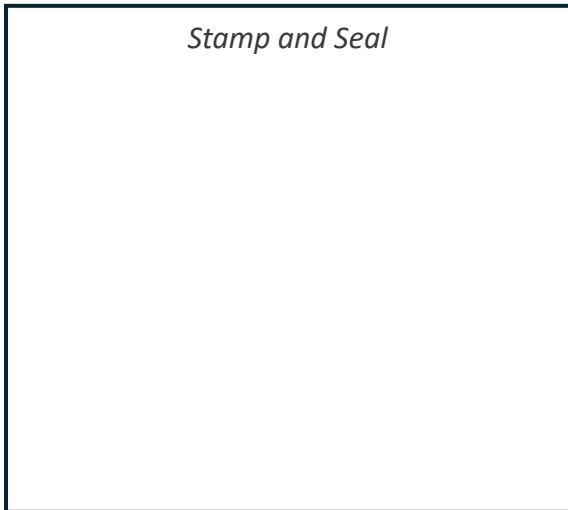
 Owner's Signature

 Owner's Printed Name

 Address

 Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PASCO



The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ____ physical presence or ____ online notarization, this _____, by _____ who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification.

 Notary Signature

 Name Printed