

City Of Clewiston

Community Development Department

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OWNER/BUILDER INFORMATION

This department understands that as an owner you have the right to build on your property. As a public service to protect you and the investment in your property, this department has put together this information.

Please read and initial each paragraph. If you do not understand a paragraph, the staff of Community Development will be happy to explain it to you.

1. I hold title to this property and am planning to do all construction.
Initial _____

2. I understand that the building official and inspectors are not there to design, alter or give advice on how to meet the code – only to verify that the structure meets the minimum code.
Initial _____

3. I understand that if any person gets injured on my construction project – they are entitled to workmen’s compensation. And if they do not possess a workmen’s compensation policy, I could be held liable for all doctor and related costs which could include loss of wages during recovery from their injury.
Initial _____

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

- _____ **I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE EXEMPTION PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES 489.103 AS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM.**
- _____ **I HAVE ACCESS TO THE ADOPTED CODES AND UNDERSTAND THE CODE PROVISIONS.**
- _____ **I HAVE ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE AND QUALIFICATIONS TO SAFELY PERFORM AND DIRECTLY SUPERVISE THE WORK.**
- _____ **THIS PROPERTY IS NOT AN APARTMENT, CONDOMINIUM OR RENTAL PROPERTY.**
- _____ **THIS STRUCTURE IS NOT BEING BUILT WITH AN INTENTION TO SELL, RENT OR LEASE.**
- _____ **I UNDERSTAND THAT FOR ANY UNLICENSED PERSON I HIRE, I MUST DEDUCT F.I.C.A., WITHHOLDING TAX AND PROVIDE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE.**

A violation of this exemption is a misdemeanor of the first degree punishable by a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year and a \$1,000.00 fine in addition to any civil penalties. In addition, the local permitting jurisdiction shall withhold final approval, revoke the permit, or pursue any action or remedy for unlicensed activity against the owner and any person performing work that requires licensure under the permit issued.

Pursuant to Florida Law, Chapter 489, Part 1: In order to qualify for this exemption, an owner must personally appear to sign the permit application & to have this form notarized at the Building Department.

State law requires construction 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 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. You may also build or improve a commercial building, provided your costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence must be for your own use or occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved on for sale or lease. If you sell or lease a building you have built or substantially improved yourself within 1 year after the 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.

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 licensed 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.

Location of work: (attach copy of warranty deed)

Owner (print)

Owner (signature)

State of Florida, Hendry County

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of

By _____, who is personally known to me
or who has

produced _____ type of identification

Notary _____

SEAL _____