

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

23480 Sumpter Road

Belleville, MI 48111

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HOMEOWNER PERMIT POLICY

Location _____ Date _____

As bona fide owner of the above mentioned property which is a single family residence and which is, or will be on completion my place of residence, I hereby make application for a owner's permit to install or erect:

I certify that I am familiar with the provisions of the applicable Ordinance and Rules and hereby agree to make this installation and/or construction in conformance with said applicable Ordinances and Rules.

The Michigan Licensing Law gives the homeowner an exemption to act as the general contractor if the homeowner is building his own residence for his own use. This means that in the case of his own single family residence (not a duplex or apartment building) the homeowner may act as the general contractor, even though a licensed builder may be significantly involved. 339.2403 of the Michigan Occupational Code states:

A person may engage in the business of or act in the capacity of a residential builder or a residential maintenance and alteration contractor or salesperson in this state without having a license, if the person is 1 of the following:

(b) An owner of property, with reference to a structure on the property for the owner's own use and occupancy.

(c) An owner of rental property, with reference to the maintenance and alteration of that rental property.

If the homeowner acts as the general contractor and pulls the permit he should be made aware of the following:

AS THE PERMIT HOLDER, THE HOMEOWNER INCURS ALL OF THE LIABILITY AND ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE LICENSED CONTRACTOR WOULD NORMALLY ASSUME.

This means that:

IT WILL BE THE HOMEOWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CORRECT ANY CODE VIOLATIONS, EVEN IF THE BUILDER OR ANY OTHER PERSONS ACTUALLY DID THE WORK.

THE HOMEOWNER CAN BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY WHICH OCCURS ON THE JOB, WHETHER IT IS TO A BUILDER'S OR SUBCONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEE, OR EVEN TO A TRESPASSER WHO GETS HURT WHILE TRESPASSING.

IN THE EVENT OF AN OCCURRENCE BEYOND THE BUILDER'S CONTROL (LAWSUIT, ETC.) WHICH CAUSES THE BUILDER TO BE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE WORK; THE HOMEOWNER WILL BE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLETION OF THE JOB.

Subscribed and sworn to before me _____ day of _____, 20____. Notary Public, _____ MI.

My commission expires _____.

Notary Pubic

Signature of Owner