

**TOWN OF EATONVILLE
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
OWNER – BUILDER STATEMENT**

Subject: Authorization and responsibilities associated with securing permits.

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

Chapter 489.103(7) – Exemptions

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 \$25,000 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 a 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. 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. Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your 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.

The above authority shall be restricted to those homeowners who can demonstrate to the Building Department that they have adequate knowledge and qualification to safely perform the applicable work.

Such authority does not convey the right to violate any provisions of applicable adopted codes, nor is it to be construed as exempting any such property owner from obtaining a permit and paying required fees.

In addition to the responsibility for safe installations, the applicant assumes all liabilities normally assumed by contractors that are duly licensed and bonded. Ignorance of applicable responsibilities or liabilities shall not be adequate defense for violations.

I, _____ do hereby state that I am qualified to do the _____ work involved with the

(TYPE OF WORK)

completion of building permit # _____

Owner Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this ____ day of _____, 20____,
by _____, who is personally known to me
or has produced _____ as identification.
NOTARY PUBLIC: _____