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## OWNER/BUILDER AFFIDAVIT

Owner/Builder of a single-family dwelling are exempt from the regulations as set forth in Florida Statute 489 when building for their **own use and occupancy**.

The sale or lease, or offering for sale or lease, of said structure for a period of one **(1) year after construction** is a criminal violation punishable as a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree.

For your information, the Owner/Builder becomes liable and responsible for the employees he hires to assist in the construction project. This responsibility may include the following when required by law:

- A. **Worker's compensation (for workers injured on the job).**
- B. **Social Security Tax (must be deducted from the employee's wages and matched with the owner's funds).**
- C. **Unemployment Compensation (may or may not be required).**
- D. **Liability Coverage**
- E. **Federal Withholding Tax**

I acknowledge that as an Owner/Builder, according to Florida Statutes Chapter 489, Part I, that I am obligated to actually, physically, build the single-family dwelling which I have permitted.

I understand that if I am not physically doing the work or physically supervising free labor from friends or relatives, that I must hire licensed contractors, (i.e., master electrician, master plumbing, master HVAC (heating, ventilation, and/or air conditioning). I further understand the violation of not physically doing the work, and the use of unlicensed contractors at the construction site will cause the project to be shut down by the inspection staff of the City of Clearwater, Planning & Development Services Administration. I also understand if this violation does occur, in order for the job to proceed, I will have a licensed contractor come in and sign on the permit as taking the job over. I understand if I hire sub-contractors under a contract price, they must be licensed to work in the City of Clearwater, i.e., masonry, drywall, and carpentry. (All contractors licensed by the Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board have bond and liability coverage and are registered with the State of Florida).

I will assume full responsibility as an Owner/Builder contractor, and will personally supervise all work on such single-family dwelling located at \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge I have read and understood the above affidavit on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D., \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner/Builder Signature

STATE OF FLORIDA,  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Before me the undersigned, an officer duly commissioned by the laws of the State of Florida, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who having been first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she fully understands the contents of the affidavit that he/she signed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: