



BUILDING PERMIT AFFIDAVIT
 Supplement to Permit Application
TOWN OF HALIFAX

HOMEOWNERS LICENSING EXEMPTION

This form is to be completed by homeowner assuming responsibility for the proposed project

located at _____, fill this section out only if there is not a contractor taking responsibility for this project!

DEFINITION OF HOMEOWNER: "Person(s) who owns a parcel of land on which he/she resides or intends to reside, on which there is, or is intended to be, a one or two-family dwelling, attached or detached structures accessory to such use, and/or farm structures. A person who constructs more than one home in a two-year period shall not be considered a homeowner." (Section 108.3.5)

The **LICENSE EXEMPTION** for a **HOMEOWNER** applies only for permitted work on owner-occupied one- and two-family dwellings/accessory structures, and farm structures. The exemption allows such homeowner to obtain building permits, perform construction, and engage individuals for hire who may not be registered or possess a construction supervisor's license, **PROVIDED THAT THE OWNER ACTS AS SUPERVISOR**; the homeowner is then **FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT AND COMPLIANCE WITH STATE BLDG. CODE AND ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**. Many homeowners who use the "Homeowner's Exemption" are **unaware that they are assuming the responsibilities of a supervisor**. This lack of awareness often results in serious problems, particularly when the homeowner hires unlicensed persons; in these cases, punitive action cannot be taken against the unlicensed person. The homeowner, acting as supervisor, is ultimately responsible for the project and compliance with the State Bldg. Code.

NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS ENGAGING OTHERS FOR HIRE: MGL c.142A is a consumer protection law which requires Home Improvement Contractors to be registered with the State. A "Guaranty Fund" has been set up with funds collected from the registered H.I. Contractors which will be available to consumers who are aggrieved with a contract entered into with **REGISTERED H.I. CONTRACTORES**. This law requires that the reconstruction, alteration, renovation, repair, modernization, conversion, improvement, removal, demolition, or construction of an addition, to any owner-occupied building (containing up to four dwelling units), and to any related accessory structures, be done by registered Home Improvement Contractors, with certain exceptions.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT OWNERS PULLING THEIR OWN PERMIT ON BEHALF OF A CONTRACTOR, OR WHO ENGAGE UNREGISTERED CONTRACTORS FOR APPLICABLE HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK, DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE ARBITRATION PROGRAM GUARANTY FUND UNDER MGL C.142A.

Notwithstanding the above notice, I hereby apply for a permit as the **HOMEOWNER** of the below listed property and by so doing will assume responsibility for compliance with all applicable codes, bylaws, rules and regulations.

TYPE OF WORK _____ Est. Cost _____

ADDRESS OF WORK _____

OWNER NAME: _____ ADDRESS _____

Registration is not required for the following reasons(s):

- Work excluded by law Job under \$1,000.00 Owner pulling own permit

Notwithstanding the above notice, I hereby apply for a permit as the owner of the above property:

 OWNER (S) / AUTHORIZED AGENT SIGNATURE _____
 DATE