

Owner/builders take note!

A word of caution from the Contractors State License Board

Anyone who talks you into being your own general contractor, or "owner/builder," may be doing you no favor.

"Owner/builder" describes a situation in which the homeowner becomes the general contractor. As an owner/builder, *you* (not the person you hire) assume responsibility for the overall job.

Your responsibilities may include such things as state and federal taxes, workers' compensation insurance, and other legal liabilities. You may be required to hire various subcontractors for your project, scheduling their work and supervising the job. If a worker is injured while working on your property, you could be asked to pay for injuries and rehabilitation through your homeowner's insurance policy.

By signing a building permit application as an owner/builder, you assume full responsibility for all phases of your project and its integrity.

Hiring an unlicensed "consultant" to manage the project does not save you money in the long run. By hiring a licensed experienced contractor for your project to hire licensed knowledgeable tradespersons, the contractor becomes responsible for all phases of construction.

Unless you are very experienced in construction, it is best to leave these matters to your licensed contractor.



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DECLARATIONS

The Declarations below are mandated by the State of California under Section 19825 and Section 19826 of the Health and Safety Code.

LICENSED CONTRACTORS DECLARATION

I hereby affirm that I am licensed under provisions of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, and my license is in full force and effect.

Lic. Class _____ Lic. No. _____ Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

OWNER-BUILDER DECLARATION

I hereby affirm that I am exempt from the Contractors License Law for the following reason (Sec 7031.5, Business and Professions Code: Any city or county which requires a permit to construct, alter, improve, demolish, or repair any structure, prior to its issuance, also requires the applicant for such permit to file a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Contractors License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code) or that he or she is exempt therefrom and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Section 7031.5 by any applicant for a permit subjects the applicant to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500).):

I, as owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do the work, and the structure is not intended or offered for sale (Sec. 7044, Business and Professions Code: The Contractors License Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who does such work himself or herself or through his or her own employees, provided that such improvements are not intended or offered for sale. If, however, the building or improvement is sold within one year of completion, the owner-builder will have the burden of proving that he or she did not build or improve for the purpose of sale.)

I, as owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed contractors to construct the project (Sec. 7044, Business and Professions Code: The Contractors Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who contracts for such projects with a contractor(s) licensed pursuant to the Contractors License Law.)

Owner Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER DECLARATION

I am exempt under Sec. 7051, B. & P.C. for this reason: I am acting solely in my professional capacity.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

WORKER'S COMPENSATION DECLARATION

I hereby affirm that I have a certificate of consent to self-insure, or a certificate of Worker's Compensation Insurance, or a certified copy thereof (Sec. 3800, Lab C.).

Policy No. _____ Company _____ Expiration
Date: ____/____/____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Certified copy is hereby furnished. Certified copy is filed with the Department of Building & Safety.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

(This section need not be completed if the permit is for one hundred dollars (\$100) or less.)

I certify that in the performance of the work for which this permit is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject to the Workers' Compensation Laws of California.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: If, after making this Certificate of Exemption, you should become subject to the Workers' Compensation provisions of the Labor Code, you must forthwith comply with such provisions or this permit shall be deemed revoked.

CONSTRUCTION LENDING AGENCY

I hereby affirm that there is a lending agency for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued (Sec. 3097, Civ. C.).

Lender's Name and Address _____

ASBESTOS DECLARATION (Health & Safety Sec. 19827.5)

Please mark the appropriate box and sign below:

The building has been surveyed and it does does not contain asbestos. A copy of the notification form as required by SCAQMD Rule 1403 is enclosed.

The building contained asbestos and the abatement work has been completed. A copy of the completion certificate is enclosed.

Owner or Agent _____ Date ____/____/____

I certify that I have read this application and state that the information contained herein is correct. I agree to comply with all City ordinances and State laws relating to building construction, and hereby authorize representatives of this City to enter upon the above-mentioned property for inspection purposes.

Signature of Applicant or Agent Taking Permit

Print Name

Date