

HOMEOWNER PERMIT INFORMATION SHEET

The Michigan Licensing Law gives the homeowner an exemption to act as the general contractor if the homeowner is building;

- 1) On property that he owns
- 2) Occupies or will be occupying the property
- 3) The structure was reviewed under the residential building code.

This means that in 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.

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:

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

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.

(These are only a few of the responsibilities a homeowner can incur when acting as the general contractor. These are by no means all of the responsibilities)

If you are submitting for a permit you should be familiar with the provisions of the applicable Ordinances, current Building Codes, and rules of Pittsfield Charter Township and in signing this form agree to construct within conformance of said ordinances and codes.

In making this application, you should realize you may be assuming the responsibility of a licensed contractor for the work described in this permit application and that you may forfeit your rights to file a claim or complaint to the state if any work done by the contractor was unsatisfactory.

I agree to notify the Department of Building Safety within seventy-two (72) hours after the work is completed so the Department may make its required inspections.

I _____ have read and understand the above.

Signature