



# CITY OF FROSTPROOF

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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### HOMEOWNER'S AFFIDAVIT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel I.D.#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 may have been told a building permit "costs less" or "is easier to get" if you, as the homeowner, obtain it. This is not true. Our fees and permit insurance policies are the same, regardless of who obtains the permit.

**The difference is responsibility. The party who obtains the permit assumes responsibility for the work done.**

Some unlicensed contractors may advise homeowners to obtain "homeowner" permits for the work they have contracted. It is illegal to act as a contractor in the State of Florida without certification and licensing. Contractors must be properly registered with the **City of Frostproof**.

If you pull a permit, you must provide all material and supervision yourself and assume all responsibility for the work being performed. You must call for all required inspections for work done under this permit and you must supervise the construction yourself.

You may build or improve a single-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. You may also build or improve any commercial building at a cost of \$75,000.00 or less. The building must be for your own use and occupancy. It may not be built or improved for the purpose of sale or lease.

If you sell or lease a building you have built yourself within one (1) year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built it for sale or lease, which is in 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 and 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 worker's compensation for that employee, all as prescribed by law. Your construction **must** comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes and zoning regulations. **Florida Statute 489.103(7).**

**I certify that all of the foregoing information is accurate and that all work will be done in compliance with all applicable codes, laws, rules and regulations governing construction and zoning.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
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State of Florida

County of Polk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by the above signed party, who is personally known to me, or who provided the following identification:

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Notary Public, State of Florida