

Effective January 1, 2026
Department of Building Safety

Beginning January 2026, any homeowner acting as their own contractor must submit a **Homeowner Contractor Affidavit** at the time of permit application.

Affidavit Requirements

The affidavit must confirm that the homeowner:

- Is acting as their own contractor for work on their own property.
- Is **not building with the intent to sell, lease, or rent the structure within 24 months** of completion, as required by Georgia law.
- Will personally supervise all work and comply with all local and state requirements.
- Will hire properly **licensed subcontractors** for all regulated trades.
- Accepts full responsibility for code compliance, jobsite conditions, and liability.

Permits will not be accepted for review until the affidavit is submitted.

For questions, contact the Department of Building Safety at 770-305-5403 or lnieber@fayettecountyga.gov.

Sincerely,

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