Department of Building Safety



(Owner-Builder Declaration – Georgia Law)

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HOMEOWNER PERMIT AFFIDAVIT

Property Address: ______
Parcel Number: ______
Owner Name: ______
Phone: ______ Email: ______

I, the undersigned property owner, request issuance of a building permit as a **homeowner acting** as my own contractor under the Owner-Builder exemption provided by Georgia law.

1. Georgia Law Acknowledgment

I understand the following requirements under state law:

O.C.G.A. § 43-41-17 – Owner-Builder Exemption

- A homeowner may obtain a permit for work on a **property they own and occupy or intend to occupy**.
- The homeowner **cannot** hire anyone to perform work that requires a state contractor license **unless that person is properly licensed**.
- The homeowner **assumes all responsibility** for supervising work, ensuring code compliance, and scheduling inspections.
- The homeowner **may not** use this exemption to build for the purpose of sale, lease, speculation, or repeated development.

O.C.G.A. § 8-2-26 – Permit & Inspection Requirements

- All permitted work must comply with the State Minimum Standard Codes.
- Required inspections must be requested and passed before work is covered or completed.
- The homeowner is fully responsible for ensuring the work is ready for inspection.

2. Responsibilities of the Homeowner

By signing below, I acknowledge and agree:

- I am acting as my own contractor and accept full responsibility for the work.
- I am responsible for **hiring only properly licensed trades**, including electrical, plumbing, and HVAC contractors.
- I will not allow any person to perform regulated work without the required state license.

- I understand that **unlicensed contracting is illegal** in Georgia and may result in enforcement actions or penalties.
- I am responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable building, zoning, environmental, and safety regulations.
- I understand this permit **cannot be transferred** to another party or contractor.
- I must call for **all required inspections** and correct any deficiencies noted by the inspector.
- Failure to comply may result in a **Stop Work Order**, **Notice of Violation**, **citation**, **or permit revocation**.

3. Declaration

I affirm that I am the legal owner of the property listed above and am requesting this permit under the Owner-Builder exemption. I certify that all information provided is true and accurate.

| Owner Signature: | |
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| Date: | |
| Printed Name: | |
| Notary Public (if required by jurisdiction): | |
| Subscribed and sworn before me on: | |
| Notary Signature: | |
| My Commission Expires: | |