



COLUMBIA COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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OWNER BUILDER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I understand that state law requires construction to be done by a licensed contractor and have applied for an owner-builder permit under an exemption from the law. The exemption specifies that I, as the owner of the property listed, may act as my own contractor with certain restrictions even though I do not have a license.

I understand that building permits are not required to be signed by a property owner unless he or she is responsible for the construction and is not hiring a licensed contractor to assume responsibility.

I understand that, as an owner-builder, I am the responsible party of record on a permit. I understand that I may protect myself from potential financial risk by hiring a licensed contractor and having the permit filed in his or her name instead of my own name. I also understand that a contractor is required by law to be licensed and bonded in Florida and to list his or her license numbers on permits and contracts.

I understand that I may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or farm outbuilding. I may also build or improve a commercial building if the costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence must be for my own use or occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved for sale or lease. If a building or residence that I have built or substantially improved myself is sold or leased within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that I built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which violates the exemption.

I understand that, as the owner-builder, I must provide direct, onsite supervision of the construction.

I understand that I may not hire an unlicensed person to act as my contractor or to supervise persons working on my building or residence. It is my responsibility to ensure that the persons whom I employ have the licenses required by law and by county or municipal ordinance.

I understand that it is frequent practice of unlicensed persons to have the property owner obtain an owner-builder permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and materials. I, as an owner-builder, may be held liable and subjected to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person or his or her employees while working on my property. My homeowner's insurance may not provide coverage for those injuries. I am willfully acting as an owner-builder and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property.

I understand that I may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done. Any person working on my building who is not licensed must work under my direct supervision and must be employed by me, which means that I must comply with laws requiring the withholding of federal income tax and social security contributions under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and must provide workers' compensation for the employee. I understand that my failure to follow these laws may subject me to serious financial risk.

I agree that, as the party legally and financially responsible for this proposed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws and requirements that govern owner-builders as well as employers. I also understand that the construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

I understand that I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an employer from the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Small Business Administration, the Florida Department of Financial Services, and the Florida Department of Revenue. I also understand that I may contact the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board at 850-487-1395 or Internet website address <http://www.myflorida.com/dbpr/pro/cilb/index.html> for more information about licensed contractors.

I am aware of, and consent to, an owner-builder building permit applied for in my name and understand that I am the party legally and financially responsible for the proposed construction activity at the following address:

I agree to notify Columbia County Building Department immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of the information that I have provided on this disclosure. Licensed contractors are regulated by laws designed to protect the public. If you contract with a person who does not have a license, the Construction Industry Licensing Board and Department of Business and Professional Regulation may be unable to assist you with any financial loss that you sustain as a result of a complaint. Your only remedy against an unlicensed contractor may be in civil court. It is also important for you to understand that, if an unlicensed contractor or employee of an individual or firm is injured while working on your property, you may be held liable for damages. If you obtain an owner-builder permit and wish to hire a licensed contractor, you will be responsible for verifying whether the contractor is properly licensed and the status of the contractor's workers' compensation coverage.

I understand that if I hire subcontractors they must be licensed for that type of work in Columbia County, ex: framing, stucco, masonry, and state registered builders. Registered Contractors must have a minimum of \$300,000.00 in General Liability insurance coverage and the proper workers' compensation. Specialty Contractors must have a minimum of \$100,000.00 in General Liability insurance coverage and the proper workers' compensation coverage.

Before a building permit can be issued, this disclosure statement must be completed and signed by the property owner and returned to Columbia County Building Department.

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

- ☒ Single Family Dwelling () Two-Family Residence () Farm Outbuilding
() Addition, Alteration, Modification or other Improvement
() Commercial, Cost of Construction _____ Construction of _____
() Other _____

I THOMAS J. GLENN JR., have been advised of the above disclosure statement for exemption from contractor licensing as an owner/builder. I agree to comply with all requirements provided for in Florida Statutes allowing this exception for the construction permitted by Columbia County Building Permit.

[Signature]
Owner Builder Signature

Date

16 JUNE 2010

NOTARY OF OWNER BUILDER SIGNATURE

The above signer is personally known to me or produced identification DL

Notary Signature

[Signature]

Date

6-16-10

(Seal)



FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

I hereby certify that the above listed owner builder has been given notice of the restriction stated above.

Building Official/Representative

[Signature]

Columbia County Building Permit Application

TIME LIMITATIONS OF APPLICATION : An application for a permit for any proposed work shall be deemed to have been abandoned 180 days after the date of filing, unless such application has been pursued in good faith or a permit has been issued; except that the building official is authorized to grant one or more extensions of time for additional periods not exceeding 90 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.

TIME LIMITATIONS OF PERMITS: Every permit issued shall become invalid unless the work authorized by such permit is commenced within 180 days after its issuance, or if the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 180 days after the time work is commenced. A valid permit receives an approved inspection every 180 days. Work shall be considered not suspended, abandoned or invalid when the permit has received an approved inspection within 180 days of the previous approved inspection.

FLORIDA'S CONSTRUCTION LIEN LAW: Protect Yourself and Your Investment: According to Florida Law, those who work on your property or provide materials, and are not paid-in-full, have a right to enforce their claim for payment against your property. This claim is known as a construction lien. If your contractor fails to pay subcontractors or material suppliers or neglects to make other legally required payments, the people who are owed money may look to your property for payment, even if you have paid your contractor in full. This means if a lien is filed against your property, it could be sold against your will to pay for labor, materials or other services which your contractor may have failed to pay.


NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILDING PERMITEE: **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** as the recipient of a building permit from Columbia County, Florida, you will be held responsible to the County for any damage to sidewalks and/or road curbs and gutters, concrete features and structures, together with damage to drainage facilities, removal of sod, major changes to lot grades that result in ponding of water, or other damage to roadway and other public infrastructure facilities caused by you or your contractor, subcontractors, agents or representatives in the construction and/or improvement of the building and lot for which this permit is issued. No certificate of occupancy will be issued until all corrective work to these public infrastructures and facilities has been corrected.

WARNING TO OWNER: YOUR FAILURE TO RECORD A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MAY RESULT IN YOU PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MUST BE RECORDED AND POSTED ON THE JOB SITE BEFORE THE FIRST INSPECTION. IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR ATTORNEY BEFORE RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.

OWNERS CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND THAT ALL WORK WILL BE DONE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS REGULATING CONSTRUCTION AND ZONING.

NOTICE TO OWNER: There are some properties that may have deed restrictions recorded upon them. These restrictions may limit or prohibit the work applied for in your building permit. It may be to your advantage to check and see if your property is encumbered by any restrictions.

(Owners Must Sign All Applications Before Permit Issuance.)


Owners Signature

****OWNER BUILDERS MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR AND SIGN THE BUILDING PERMIT.**

CONTRACTORS AFFIDAVIT: By my signature I understand and agree that I have informed and provided this written statement to the owner of all the above written responsibilities in Columbia County for obtaining this Building Permit including all application and permit time limitations.

Contractor's Signature (Permitee)

Contractor's License Number _____
Columbia County
Competency Card Number _____

Affirmed under penalty of perjury to by the Contractor and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____ 20____.
Personally known _____ or Produced Identification _____

SEAL:

State of Florida Notary Signature (For the Contractor)