



CITY OF OAKLAND

### OWNER-BUILDER'S DECLARATION

Complete and sign the form below. Required fields indicated with "\*".

#### AFFIRMATION OF EXEMPTION FROM CONTRACTORS' LAW\*

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am exempt from the Contractors' State License Law for the reason(s) indicated below by the checkmark(s) I have placed next to the applicable item(s) [Section 7031.5, Business and Professions Code: Any city or county that requires a permit to construct, alter, improve, demolish, or repair any structure, prior to its issuance, also requires the applicant for the permit to file a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Contractors' State License Law (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code) or that he or she is exempt from licensure and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Section 7031.5 by any applicant for a permit subjects the applicant to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500)]:

I, as owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do all of or portions of the work, and the structure is not intended or offered for sale (Section 7044, Business and Professions Code: The Contractors' State License Law does not apply to an owner of property who, through employees' or personal effort, builds or improves the property, provided that the improvements are not intended or offered for sale. If, however, the building or improvement is sold within one year of completion, the Owner-Builder will have the burden of proving that it was not built or improved for the purpose of sale).

I, as owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed Contractors to construct the project (Section 7044, Business and Professions Code: The Contractors' State License Law does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who contracts for the projects with a licensed Contractor pursuant to the Contractors' State License Law).

I am exempt from licensure under the Contractors' State License Law for the following reason:

By my signature below I acknowledge that, except for my personal residence in which I must have resided for at least one year prior to completion of the improvements covered by this permit, I cannot legally sell a structure that I have built as an owner-builder if it has not been constructed in its entirety by licensed contractors. I understand that a copy of the applicable law, Section 7044 of the Business and Professions Code, is available upon request when this application is submitted or online at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

#### RENOVATION, REPAIR & PAINTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(As applicable)

EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP Rule) requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, childcare facilities and pre-schools built before 1978 have their firm certified by EPA or use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers and follow lead-safe work practices.

As the property owner (agent) preparing to do work on a Pre-1978 building, I have read the explanation of the RRP Rule and will ensure that any paint disturbing work will be done by or supervised by an RRP certified individual(s). Failure to follow this rule will result in enforcement action by the EPA and City of Oakland. For additional information on complying with lead safety requirements, visit [oaklandca.gov/services/LeadAbatement](http://oaklandca.gov/services/LeadAbatement), email [bbcode-inspect@oaklandca.gov](mailto:bbcode-inspect@oaklandca.gov), or call Code Enforcement at (510) 238-3381.

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DECLARATION\*

I hereby affirm that the intended occupancy WILL WILL NOT use, handle or store any hazardous, or acutely hazardous, materials. (Checking "WILL" acknowledges that Sections 25505, 25533, and 25534 of the Health and Safety Code, as well as filing instructions were made available to you.)

Online Permit Center: <http://aca-prod.accela.com/Oakland>

One-Stop Permit Center: 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612

#### PRIVATE SEWER LATERAL (PSL) COMPLIANCE (As applicable)

The Regional Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) Ordinance requires the property owner to obtain a Compliance Certificate from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) when changing water meter size or performing building remodel projects in excess of \$100,000. EBMUD certifies that the sewer laterals are leak-free for both laterals that have been replaced or not replaced. For remodel projects in excess of \$100,000, an EBMUD Compliance Certificate must be submitted to the Planning & Building Department prior to final building permit sign-off. Additionally, any construction work on the sewer lateral, including constructing an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), requires a Sewer Lateral permit.

My job value is less than \$100,000

My job value is greater than \$100,000 or involves changing water meter size. EDMUD Compliance Certificate required.

Further information may be found on our [Sewer Lateral Permits](#) webpage.

#### SIDEWALK COMPLIANCE (As applicable)

Whenever a property owner applies for any permit or other approval needed for construction, remodeling, modification or alteration of any portion of lots adjacent to, abutting, or fronting any portion of a sidewalk area where the cost of the work is estimated to exceed \$100,000, property owner must complete an inspection, and any necessary repairs and upgrades to bring abutting sidewalks into compliance. (OMC Chapter 12 Section 12.04.380 and OMC 12.16.030)

My job value is less than \$100,000

My job value is greater than \$100,000 and sidewalk compliance certificate is required.

I am constructing an Accessory Dwelling Unit and sidewalk compliance certificate is not required.

Further information may be found online at [Sidewalk Certification - FAQ](#)

**NOTE:** No physical improvements to sidewalks are required during the construction or conversion of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) (GOV.CODE §65852.2)

#### CERTIFICATION\*

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING:

- I am the property owner or authorized to act on the property owner's behalf.
- I have read this application and the information I have provided is correct.
- I authorize representatives of this city or county to enter the above-identified property for inspection purposes
- I have read this document; that the above information is correct; and I have truthfully affirmed all applicable declarations contained in this document.
- I agree to comply with all city and county ordinances and state laws relating to building construction, and hereby authorize representatives of this city to enter upon the above-mentioned property for inspection purposes.
- I hereby agree to save, defend, indemnify and keep harmless the City of Oakland and its officials, officers, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from all actions, claims, demands, litigation, or proceedings, including those for attorneys' fees, against the City in consequence of the granting of this permit or from the use or occupancy of the public right-of-way, public easement, or any sidewalk, street or sub-sidewalk or otherwise by virtue thereof, and will in all things strictly comply with the conditions under which this permit is granted.

OWNER-BUILDER SIGNATURE AND INFORMATION:

Name:

Signature:

Email:

Phone:

Permit #

Jobsite Address:

Owner, or Owner's Agent

Date:



An application for a building permit has been submitted in your name listing yourself as the builder of the property improvements specified. We are providing you with an Owner-Builder Acknowledgment and Information Verification Form to make you aware of your responsibilities and possible risk you may incur by having this permit issued in your name as the Owner-Builder. We will not issue a building permit until you have read, initialed your understanding of each provision, signed, and returned this form to us at our official address indicated. An agent of the owner cannot execute this notice unless you, the property owner, obtain the prior approval of the permitting authority.

**OWNER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION**

DIRECTIONS: Read and initial each statement below to signify you understand or verify this information.

- \_\_\_1. I understand a frequent practice of unlicensed persons is to have the property owner obtain an "Owner-Builder" building permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and material personally. I, as an Owner-Builder, may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person and 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.
- \_\_\_2. I understand building permits are not required to be signed by property owners unless they are responsible for the construction and are not hiring a licensed Contractor to assume this responsibility.
- \_\_\_3. I understand as an "Owner-Builder" I am the responsible party of record on the 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.
- \_\_\_4. I understand Contractors are required by law to be licensed and bonded in California and to list their license numbers on permits and contracts.
- \_\_\_5. I understand if I employ or otherwise engage any persons, other than California licensed Contractors, and the total value of my construction is at least five hundred dollars (\$500), including labor and materials, I may be considered an "employer" under state and federal law.
- \_\_\_6. I understand if I am considered an "employer" under state and federal law, I must register with the state and federal government, withhold payroll taxes, provide workers' compensation disability insurance, and contribute to unemployment compensation for each "employee." I also understand my failure to abide by these laws may subject me to serious financial risk.
- \_\_\_7. I understand under California Contractors' State License Law, an Owner-Builder who builds single-family residential structures cannot legally build them with the intent to offer them for sale, unless all work is performed by licensed subcontractors and the number of structures does not exceed four within any calendar year, or all of the work is performed under contract with a licensed general building Contractor.
- \_\_\_8. I understand as an Owner-Builder if I sell the property for which this permit is issued, I may be held liable for any financial or personal injuries sustained by any subsequent owner(s) that result from any latent construction defects in workmanship or materials.
- \_\_\_9. I understand I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an "employer" from the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Small Business Administration, the California Department of Benefit Payments, and the California Division of Industrial Accidents. I also understand I may contact the California Contractors' State License Board (CSLB) at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752) or [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) for more information about licensed contractors.
- \_\_\_10. 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 proposed construction activity.
- \_\_\_11. 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.
- \_\_\_12. I agree to notify the issuer of this form immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of the information I have provided on this form.

Licensed contractors are regulated by laws designed to protect the public. If you contract with someone who does not have a license, the Contractors' State License Board may be unable to assist you with any financial loss you may sustain as a result of a complaint. Your only remedy against unlicensed Contractors may be in civil court. It is also important for you to understand that if an unlicensed Contractor or employee of that individual or firm is injured while working on your property, you may be held liable for damages. If you obtain a permit as Owner-Builder and wish to hire Contractors, you will be responsible for verifying whether or not those Contractors are properly licensed and the status of their workers' compensation insurance coverage. Before a building permit can be issued, this form must be completed and signed by the property owner and returned to the agency responsible for issuing the permit. A copy of the property owner's driver's license, form notarization, or other verification acceptable to the agency is required to be presented when the permit is issued to verify the property owner's signature.

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature  Owner  Agent

\_\_\_\_\_ Date