

Owner - Builder Declaration

_____ I certify that in the performance of the work for which this permit is issued, I shall not employ any person in any manner so as to become subject to the workers' compensation laws of California, and agree that, if I should become subject to the workers' compensation provisions of Section 3700 of the labor code, I shall forthwith comply with those provisions.

_____ I as owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed contractors to construct the project [Sec. 7044, **Business and Professions Code (B&PC)**: The **Contractor's State License Law (C.S.L.L.)** does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who contracts for such projects with a contractor(s) licensed pursuant to the C.S.L.L.].

_____ I am exempt under Section _____, B&PC for this reason _____

_____ I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am exempt from the C.S.L.L. for the following reason [Section 7031.5 (B&PC): 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 that permit to file a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the C.S.L.L. (Chapter 9 [commencing with Section 7000] of Division 3 of B&PC) or that he or she is exempt therefrom and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Sec. 7048 by any applicant for a permit subjects the applicant to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000)].

_____ I as owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do the work, and the structure is not intended or offered for sale (Section 7044, B&PC: The C.S.L.L. does not apply to an owner of property who builds or improves thereon, and who does such work himself or herself or through his or her own employees, 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 he or she did not build or improve for the purpose of sale).

_____ I certify that I have read this application and state that the above information is correct. I agree to comply with all city and county ordinances and state laws relating to building construction and hereby authorize representatives of the City of Chico to enter upon the above-mentioned property for inspection purposes.

Date _____ **Print Name** _____

Signature _____

Construction Lending Agency

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that there is a construction lending agency for the performance of the work for which this permit is issued (Sec. 3097, Civil Code).

Lender's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Disclosures & Forms for Owner-Builders Applying for Construction Permits

IMPORTANT! NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER

Dear Property Owner:

An application for a building permit has been submitted in your name listing yourself as the builder of the property improvements specified at _____ . 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 one thousand dollars (\$1,000), 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 two within any three-year period, or all of the work must be performed under contract with a licensed general building Contractor. [Section 7044 B7PC]

_____ 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 the 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 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 at the following address: _____

_____ 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 libel for damages. If you obtain a permit as Owner-Builder and wish to hire Contractors, you will be responsible for verifying whether 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. Note: 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.

Print Name of Property Owner _____

Signature of Property Owner _____ Date _____

Note: An Owner’s Letter of Authorization Form is required to be completed by the property owner only when designating an agent of the property owner to apply for a construction permit for the Owner-Builder.

Please email all documents to buildingdocs@chicoca.gov or upload to the [digital plan submittal link](#).