

Homeowner Permit Policy Rights and Responsibilities

According to Michigan’s Licensing Law, homeowners are given an exemption to act as their own general contractor. This means that in the case of his/her own Single-Family residence, the homeowner may obtain a Building permit for construction at his/her own home, even though a licensed or unlicensed builder may be significantly involved.

If you, the homeowner, choose to act as your own General Contractor and obtain the required Building permit, **please be aware of the following:**

- **AS THE PERMIT HOLDER, YOU THE HOMEOWNER INCUR ALL OF THE LIABILITY AND ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE LICENSED CONTRACTOR WOULD NORMALLY ASSUME.**
- The City of DeWitt cannot assist you in any cause of action against an unlicensed contractor you have hired to perform work under the building permit you obtained.
- You, the **HOMEOWNER**, are responsible to have a complete understanding of the current Building code.
- You, the **HOMEOWNER**, are responsible to correct any code violations even if the contractor or any other persons did the work under the permit you obtained.
- You, the **HOMEOWNER** could be held liable for any injury that occurs on the job, whether it’s to a builder’s or subcontractor’s employee.
- In the event that an occurrence takes place beyond the builder’s control that might cause the builder to not complete the work, the **HOMEOWNER** is legally responsible for completion of the job under the permit that was obtained.

I have read and understood the above information and still wish to obtain the required building permit.

Print Name
Signature
Date

Email Address