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HOMEOWNERS' EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY AFFIDAVIT

I, _____ (full legal name), born _____ (month, day, year), hereby depose and state the following:

1. I am seeking a building permit pursuant to the homeowners' exemption to the permit requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code, codified at 780 CMR 110.R5.1.3.1, in connection with a project or work on a parcel of land to which I hold legal title.

2. I am not engaged in, and the project or work for which I am seeking the aforementioned homeowners' exemption, does not involve the field erection of manufactured buildings constructed in accordance with 780 CMR 110.R3.

3. I qualify under the State Building Code's definition of "homeowner" as defined at 780 CMR 110.R5.1.2:

   Person(s) who owns a parcel of land on which he/she resides or intends to reside, on which there is, or is intended to be, a one-or two-family dwelling, attached or detached structures accessory to such use and/or farm structures. A person who constructs more than one home in a two-year period shall not be considered a home owner.

4. I do not hold a valid Massachusetts construction supervision license and, except to the extent that I qualify for and will abide by the Massachusetts State Building Code's requirements for the supervision of the project or work on my parcel, I am not engaged in construction supervision in connection with any project or work involving construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, removal or demolition involving any activity regulated by any provision of the Massachusetts State Building Code.

5. If I engage any other person or persons for hire in connection with the aforementioned project or work on my parcel, I acknowledge that I am required to and will act as the supervisor for said project or work.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury on this _____ day of _____, 20___.

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(signature)

License Exemption Warning

Be advised that a majority of those citizens who sign the Homeowner's Exemption Agreement on the reverse side are not fully aware of the responsibilities that go along with assuming the role of "Contractor". By seeking this exemption, you assume significant risks. Please Note:

- You are now **personally responsible** for all work on this project.
- You are responsible to see that all work meets the Mass. Bldg. Codes.
- You **must** supervise all work.
- You **must** call the Bldg. Dept. to **schedule all required inspections**.
- You have **waived** your rights and are no longer entitled to any Claim against the Massachusetts HIC Guaranty Fund.
- You are the General Contractor of the project and a court of law will view you as such if you are sued, or if you should have the need to sue another party.
- Your subcontractors may place liens on your property.
- Any worker injured on your project may sue you if you do not carry Worker's Compensation Insurance.
- Failure to carry Worker's Compensation Insurance may result in criminal penalties, i.e. fines and/or imprisonment.

Massachusetts General Laws chapter 152 section 25 requires all employers to provide workers' Compensation for their employees. As quoted from the "law", an **employee** is defined as every person in service of another under contract of hire; implied, oral or written.

An **employer** is defined as an individual, partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity, or any two or more of the foregoing engaged in a joint enterprise, and including the legal entity, employing employees. However, the owner of a dwelling house having not more than three apartments and who resides therein, or the occupant of the dwelling house of another who employs persons to do maintenance, construction or repair work on such dwelling house or on the grounds or building appurtenant thereto shall not because of such employment be deemed to be an employer.