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HOMEOWNER PERMIT POLICY

The Michigan Licensing Law gives a homeowner an exemption to act as their own general contractor. This means that in the case of their own single-family residence, the homeowner may obtain a building permit for construction at their 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.

- City of Lapeer cannot assist you in any case of action against an unlicensed contractor you have hired to perform work under the building permit you obtained.
- It is you, the homeowner's responsibility to have a complete understanding of the current building code.
- You, the homeowner, is 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 which occurs on the job, whether it is to a builder's or subcontractor's employee.
- In the event of an occurrence beyond the builder's control, which causes the builder to be unable to complete the work, you the homeowner, will be legally responsible for completion of the job, under the permit you obtained.

Job Address: _____

I _____ have read and understood the above information and
(Print Name)
still wish to obtain the required permit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____