



## *City of Clermont* **Building Services**

### **Owner-Builder Information**

Only a licensed contractor or the legal property owner can obtain a building permit.

If an applicant applies as an owner/builder, the building must be for their own use and occupancy. It may not be for sale or lease. If an owner/builder sells or leases the building within one year after construction is completed, the law will presume that it was built for sale or lease, which is a violation of Florida State Statute 489.103 (7).

It is the owner/builders responsibility to make sure the employees working for them have the required licenses from the state and/or county municipal licensing ordinances. Any person working on the building who is not licensed must work under the owner/builders direct supervision and must be employed by them. The owner/builder must provide worker's compensation as prescribed by Florida law as well as comply with the IRS requirements concerning F.I.C.A. and withholding taxes.

### **Do not hire an unlicensed contractor to perform work**

Homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors potentially face several costly penalties. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation can issue an order to stop construction and can levy a \$5,000 fine for aiding and abetting unlicensed contractors.

Click on the following, [Owner-Builder Builder Disclosure Statement](#), to be directed to the form which must be signed, notarized, and included with your permit application.

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