

**OWNER/BUILDER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

F.S. Chapter 489, CONTRACTING; PART 1 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING (SS 489.103)

State law requires construction to be done by licensed contractors. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own contractor even though you do not have a license. You must supervise the construction yourself. You may build or improve a commercial building at a cost of \$75,000 or less. The building must be for your own use and occupancy. It may not be built for sale or lease. If you sell or lease a building you have built yourself within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption. You may not hire an unlicensed person as your contractor. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employed by you have licenses required by state law and by county or municipal licensing ordinances. **Any person working on your building who is not licensed must work under your supervision and must be employed by you, which means that you must deduct FICA and withholding tax and provide worker's compensation for that employee, all as prescribed by law.** Your construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

**NOTICE: DON'T RISK IT!**

**ANY PERSON WHO AIDS AND ABETS UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS WILL FACE IMPOSED PENALTIES AS PROVIDED BY LAW.**

Section 6. Subsection (1) of Section 455.228 Florida Statutes

F.S. 455.228 Unlicensed practice of a profession; cease and desists notice; civil penalty; enforcement. -----

(1) When the department has probable cause to believe that any person not licensed by the department or the appropriate regulatory board within the department or the appropriate regulatory board within the department has violated any provision of this chapter or any statute that relates to the practice of a profession regulated by the department, or any rule adopted pursuant thereto, the department may issue and deliver to such person a *notice to cease and desist* from such violation. In addition, the department may issue and deliver a notice to cease and desist to any person who aids and abets the unlicensed practice of a profession by employing such unlicensed person. For the purpose of enforcing a cease and desist order, the department may file a proceeding in the name of the state seeking *issuance of an injunction or a writ of mandamus* against any person who violates any provisions of such order. In addition to the foregoing remedies, the department may impose an administrative penalty not to exceed \$5,000.00 per incident, pursuant to F.S. 120.58, it shall be entitled to collect its attorney's fees and costs, together with any cost of collection.

This \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ The Year \_\_\_\_\_, I, The Undersigned, Have Read The Preceding And Understand The Responsibility Of Acting As My Own Contractor, And Having Been Noticed Of The Above Florida Statutes, Will Abide By The Laws Governing Citrus County And The State Of Florida.

I further state that I have the knowledge and ability to do the work proposed, and I assume full responsibility for familiarizing myself with all Citrus County Codes and building regulations. In the event a building inspector requires corrections to be made, I will make such corrections and call for a re-inspection before proceeding. I understand the Building Division is not responsible for instructing me on what to do. I understand I may subject myself to code enforcement action by not requesting and obtaining, Final Inspection Approval prior to engaging in the use of the proposed development.

Signature of Owner/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF CITRUS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgements, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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NOTARY PUBLIC