

# City of Grosse Pointe

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## Homeowner Permit Policy Rights and Responsibilities

The Michigan Licensing Law gives a homeowner an exemption to act as their own general contractor. This means that in the case of his own single family residence, the homeowner may obtain a building permit for construction at his 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 Grosse Pointe cannot assist you in any cause 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, 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 which occurs on the job, whether it is to a builder's or subcontractor's employee.
- In the event of an occurrence beyond the builders 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.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understood the above  
(Print name) information and still wish to obtain the  
required building permit.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\* Fill out and sign the attached Owner's Affidavit

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## Owner's Affidavit

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that if a permit is granted me, I will actually do all the work involved in the installation, alteration or repair of:

(Check applicable blank)

ELECTRICAL \_\_\_\_\_ PLUMBING \_\_\_\_\_  
HEATING \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
REFRIGERATION \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify)

in, on or relative to the following described property which is owned by me:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

It is further certified that I understand the above cited work must comply with all provisions of applicable ordinances.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Owner's Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month) (Year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

Wayne County, Michigan  
My Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_