



# Charter Township of Washington

County of Macomb

**Building Department**  
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## Homeowner Permit Policy

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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.**

- Washington Township 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 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.

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

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

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(Date)