



# CITY OF PINOLE

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## Owner-Builder Acknowledgement & Informational Handout

**Directions:** Please initial each statement below to signify you have read and understand what you may be responsible for as an owner builder.

- Initial 1. I understand a frequent practice of unlicensed persons is to have the property owner obtain an "owner-builder" building permit which erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and material personally. I as the owner-builder may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person and his/her employees while working on my property. My home owner's insurance may not provide coverage for such injuries. I am willfully acting as an owner-builder and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property.
- Initial 2. I understand building permits are not required to be signed by property owners unless they are *responsible* for the construction and are not hiring a licensed contractor to assume this responsibility.
- Initial 3. I understand as 'Owner-Builder' I am the responsible party of record on the permit. I understand that I may protect myself from potential financial risk by hiring a licensed contractor and having the permit filed in his/her name instead of my own.
- Initial 4. I understand Contractors are required by law to be licensed and bonded in California and to list their license number on permits and contracts.
- Initial 5. I understand if I employ or otherwise engage any persons, other than California licensed contractors, and the total value of my construction is at least five hundred dollars (\$500.00) including labor and materials, I may be considered an "employer" under state and federal law.
- Initial 6. I understand if I am considered an "employer" under state and federal law, I must register with the state and federal government, withhold payroll taxes, provide workers compensation disability insurance and contribute to unemployment compensation for each "employee". I also understand my failure to abide by these laws may subject me to serious financial risk.
- Initial 7. I understand under California Contractors' State License Law, an Owner-Builder who builds single-family residential structures cannot legally build them with the intent to offer them for sale, unless all work is performed by licensed subcontractors and the number of structures does not exceed four within any calendar year, or all of the work is performed under contract with a licensed general building Contractor.

Initial 8. I understand as an Owner-Builder if I sell the property for which this permit is issued, I may be held liable for any financial or personal injuries sustained by any subsequent owner(s) that result from any latent construction defects in the workmanship or materials.

Initial 9. I understand I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an "employer" from the Internal Revenue Service; the U.S. Small Business Administration; the California Department of Benefit Payments and the California Division of Industrial Accidents. I also understand I may contact the California Contractors' State License Board (CSLB) at 1-800-321-CSLB (2752) or [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov) for more information about licensed contractors.

Initial 10. I am aware of and consent to an Owner-Builder building permit applied for in my name and understand that I am the party legally and financially responsible for proposed construction activity at the following address:

\_\_\_\_\_ *Address*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City, State*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Zip Code*

Initial 11. I agree that, as the party legally and financially responsible for this proposed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws and requirements that govern Owner-Builders as well as employers.

Initial 12. I agree to notify the issuer of this form immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of the information I have provided on this form.

Licensed contractors are regulated by laws designed to protect the public. If you contract with someone who does not have a license, the Contractors State License Board may be unable to assist you with any financial loss you may sustain as a result of a complaint. Your only remedy against unlicensed Contractors may be in civil court. It is also important for you to understand that if an unlicensed Contractor or employee of that individual or firm is injured while working on your property, you may be held liable for damages. If you obtain a permit as Owner-Builder and wish to hire Contractors, you will be responsible for verifying whether or not those Contractors are properly licensed and the status of their worker's compensation insurance coverage.

Before a building permit can be issued, this form must be completed, signed by the property owner, and returned to:

City of Pinole  
Community Development  
Building Division  
2131 Pear St.  
Pinole, Ca. 94564-1774

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am the property owner for the address listed above and that I have read and understand the above information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Property Owner's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Property Owner's Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

*Note: A copy of the property owner's driver's license, form notarization, or other verification acceptable to the City of Pinole is required to be presented when the permit is issued to verify the property owner's signature.*