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HOMEOWNER LICENSE EXEMPTION
Please Print

DATE: _____

JOB LOCATION: _____
 number street village

“HOMEOWNER”: _____
 name home phone # work phone #

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 city/town state zip code

The current exemption for “homeowners” was extended to include owner-occupied dwellings of six units or less and to allow homeowners to engage an individual for hire who does not possess a license, provided that the owner acts as supervisor.

DEFINITION OF HOMEOWNER

Person(s) who owns a parcel of land on which he/she resides or intends to reside, on which there is, or is intended to be, a one or two-family dwelling, attached or detached structures accessory to such use and/or farm structures. A person who constructs more than one home in a two-year period shall not be considered a homeowner. Such “homeowner” shall submit to the Building Official on a form acceptable to the Building Official, that he/she shall be responsible for all such work performed under the building permit. (Section 109.1.1)

The undersigned “homeowner” assumes responsibility for compliance with the State Building Code and other applicable codes, bylaws, rules and regulations.

The undersigned “homeowner” certifies that he/she understands the Town of Barnstable Building Department minimum inspection procedures and requirements and that he/she will comply with said procedures and requirements.

Signature of Homeowner

Approval of Building Official

Note: Three-family dwellings containing 35,000 cubic feet or larger will be required to comply with the State Building Code Section 127.0 Construction Control.

HOMEOWNER’S EXEMPTION

The Code states that: “Any homeowner performing work for which a building permit is required shall be exempt from the provisions of this section (Section 109.1.1 - Licensing of construction Supervisors); provided that if the homeowner engages a person(s) for hire to do such work, that such Homeowner shall act as supervisor.”

Many homeowners who use this exemption are unaware that they are assuming the responsibilities of a supervisor (see Appendix Q, Rules & Regulations for Licensing Construction Supervisors, Section 2.15) This lack of awareness often results in serious problems, particularly when the homeowner hires unlicensed persons. In this case, our Board cannot proceed against the unlicensed person as it would with a licensed Supervisor. The homeowner acting as Supervisor is ultimately responsible.

To ensure that the homeowner is fully aware of his/her responsibilities, many communities require, as part of the permit application, that the homeowner certify that he/she understands the responsibilities of a Supervisor. On the last page of this issue is a form currently used by several towns. You may care to amend and adopt such a form/certification for use in your community.