



# SKAMANIA COUNTY

## AFFIDAVIT FOR OWNERS ACTING AS THE CONTRACTOR IN LIEU OF A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

### ABOUT CONTRACTOR LICENSING EXEMPTION

[RCW 18.27.140](#) aims to provide protection to the public from unreliable, fraudulent, financially irresponsible, or incompetent contractors  
[RCW 18.27.010](#) provides the definition of a contractor.

Permits are issued to a licensed contractor unless issued to a property owner in accordance with [RCW 18.27.090](#) exemptions. The purpose of this affidavit is to document conformance to the state requirements.

**I am applying for the property owner exemption under the following conditions:**

**Must comply with all items below:**

I swear under penalty of perjury that:

I understand that state law requires construction to be done by a licensed contractor unless I qualify for an exemption.

I am not acting as a contractor on the property that I have owned for less than 12 months, for the purpose of selling, demolishing, or leasing.

The proposed construction work is **NOT** being done with the intention or for the purpose of selling the improved property within **12 MONTHS** of completion of said work.

Skamania County employees will not design, make recommendations, list out all code requirements, or perform work to meet code compliance.

I agree to schedule the applicable inspections for my project so that the required inspections can be performed. I also understand I am responsible for resolving any failure to meet code requirements that may be found through inspections.

I agree as the property owner I will make sure I have the skills to act as my own general contractor, and the expertise required to coordinate the work of both rough-in and finish trades.

I agree that I am legally and financially responsible for proposed construction activity.

I will comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations.

I am responsible for verifying whether the contractor is properly licensed with the State of Washington and obtains all required "work" permits for all disciplines.

I agree as the property owner that I may be waiving certain rights that I might otherwise have under state law with Labor and Industries in any decision to engage an unregistered contractor to perform construction work.

I agree that I may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person or their employees while working on my property. I am willfully acting as an owner-contractor and am aware that my homeowner's insurance may not provide coverage for those injuries.

I understand that a building permit obtained by the property owner who falsifies information to obtain an exemption provided under [RCW 18.27.090](#) will be forfeited and I may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I HAVE READ THE ENTIRETY OF THIS DOCUMENT AND CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND, AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS, AND WISH TO PURCHASE A BUILDING PERMIT UNDER THE CONDITIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

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*Owner Name (Print)*

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*Owner Signature*

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*Date*

**PERMIT #** \_\_\_\_\_