

## OWNER PERMITS

Florida State Statute 489 requires construction and permits for the construction, to be performed by a properly licensed contractor. The statute provides for specific exemptions to the licensing law.

One of the exemptions provides for the property owner, when acting as their own contractor and providing direct, onsite supervision themselves of all work not performed by a licensed contractor, to obtain a building permit.

State Statute 489.103(7) provides the requirements that an owner must meet to qualify for the exemption in order to obtain a permit. Among these are:

- The property must be deeded in the property owner's name. If the property owner is a Trust, LLC, Corporation, Partnership, etc, a properly licensed contractor must obtain the permit.
- The property must be for the exclusive use of the owner. The property cannot be offered for sale, lease or rent for a period of one (1) year after the completion of the project.
- The owner must personally appear and sign the permit application and complete the Owner Disclosure Statement.
- With the exemption of a Gas Permit, any other type permit may be obtained by the owner. See 489.103(7)(a)3 for solar permits.
- For work involving a single family residence, there is no monetary limit.
- For a commercial building the project cost may not exceed \$75,000.00.
- If required by State Statute 713, a Notice of Commencement must be filed, even if the permit is issued to the owner.

For additional information or for the complete text, the Florida State Statutes may be viewed at:

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>