

**COVERT TOWNSHIP  
Building Inspection Department**

**HOMEOWNER BUILDING PERMIT POLICY**

The Michigan Licensing Law under ACT 229, Section 339.2402 Residential Builders, and PA 230 of 1972, give an “owner of the land in fee” (MCL 125.1512 (2)) an exemption to act as his or her own general contractor.

(Example): The owner may obtain a building permit for construction on his or her own property, even if a licensed or unlicensed individual or company may be significantly involved.

**AS THE PERMIT HOLDER YOU, THE OWNER INCUR ALL LIABILITY AND ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE LICENSED CONTRACTOR WOULD NORMALLY ASSUME.**

- Covert Township cannot assist you in any case of action against any individual that (you) the owner hires to perform work under the building permit you obtained.
- You, the owner, could be held liable for any damages that occur on the job, whether it is by the builder or subcontractor employees.
- You, the owner, could be held liable for any injury that occurs on the job whether it is to the builder or subcontractor employees.
- In the event of an occurrence beyond the builder’s control, which causes the builder to be unable to complete the work, the owner will be legally responsible for the completion of the job, under the permit you obtained.
- It is you the Homeowner that has the responsibility to have a complete understanding of the current Building Codes.
- The property owner or the owner’s agent, in lieu of a licensed contractor, may only obtain a building permit.
- **THE PERMIT HOLDER MUST BE ON SITE AT ANY TIME THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENTS ARE IN PROGRESS.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the above information and will adhere  
(print name)  
to all rules and regulations submitted in this policy. I certify, under penalty of law that the referenced property is owned in fee by myself.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Property address \_\_\_\_\_ Tax ID # \_\_\_\_\_