



Community Development, Building and Safety
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AGENT AUTHORIZATION (RESIDENTIAL)

I understand it is my personal responsibility, I hereby authorize the following person(s) to act as my agent(s) to apply for, sign, and file the documents necessary to obtain an Owner-Builder Permit for my project.

The signatures on the licenses and permit applications will be expected to match. The owner-builder must be listed as the current property owner in our computer database; proof of ownership is required to be presented to the department at time of issuance of the permit. Proof of ownership would be an original recorded grant deed for the subject property.

Form with fields: Property Owner Name (Please Print), Address, Phone #, Authorized Agent Name (Please Print), Phone #

OWNER'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND VERIFICATION

Read and initial each statement to signify that you understand and verify this information.

1. I understand a frequent practice of unlicensed persons is to have the property owner obtain an "Owner-Builder" building permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and material personally.

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.

3. I understand as an "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 or her name instead of my own.

4. I understand Contractors are required by law to be licensed and bonded in California and to list their license numbers on permits and contracts.

\_\_\_\_ 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), including labor and materials, I may be considered an “employer” under state and federal law.

\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_ 9. I understand I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an “employer” from the Internal Revenue Service, the United States 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.

\_\_\_\_ 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 above address.

\_\_\_\_ 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.

\_\_\_\_ 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 workers’ compensation insurance coverage. Before a building permit can be issued, this form must be completed and signed by the property owner and returned to the agency responsible for issuing the permit. Note: A copy of the property owner’s driver’s license, form notarization, or other verification acceptable to the agency is required to be presented when the permit is issued to verify the property owner’s signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

***By my signature below, I certify to each of the following:***

- I am the property owner and I have read this application and the information I have provided is correct.
- I agree to comply with all applicable city and county ordinances and state laws relating to building construction.
- I authorize representatives of this city or county to enter the above-identified property for inspection purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form shall be completed by the property owner and returned to the City of Downey **along with an original, notarized letter of authorization.**

**IMPORTANT**

Application is hereby made to the Building Official for a permit subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth on the front of this application. 1. Each person upon whose behalf this application is made and each person at whose request and for whose benefit work is performed under or pursuant to any permit issued as a result of this application agrees to, and shall, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Downey, its officers, agents and employees from any liability arising out of the issuance of any permit resulting from this application. 2. **Any permit issued as a result of this application becomes null and void if work is not commenced with in ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) DAYS from the date of the issuance of such permit.**