Contractor Licensing Exemption Policy

Prior to the issuance of a permit to construct, remove or improve any structure, Section 108.4 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) requires the applicant to either:

1. Be duly licensed or certified under the terms of Chapter 11 of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia, or,
2. File a written statement, supported by an affidavit that he is not subject to such licensure or certification.

Exemptions from contractor licensing are listed below. Please indicate the applicable exemption by checking the corresponding box.

- The work consists of the repair and/or improvement to an existing dwelling which is my primary residence.

- I am the owner of the property and the structure will be used as my primary residence when completed. I have not constructed a primary residence in Virginia during the last 24 months.

- I am the owner of the property and the structure will be a gift to a member of my immediate family who will live in it upon completion.

- The work consists of the repair of and/or improvement to an existing commercial, retail, industrial or manufacturing facility owned by me and is for my own use.

- The structure consists of one or more residential dwelling units owned by me and is subject to the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (§ 55-248.2 et seq).

- I am an owner-developer and have contracted with a properly licensed entity. The third party purchaser has been made a third party beneficiary to the contract.

Name of Contractor: __________________________________________

License Number: __________________________________________

- I am not being paid nor am I receiving anything of value in association with the work involved in this project including discounts in rent or forgiveness of any present or future debt.

If one of the listed exemptions is claimed, please complete the affidavit on the reverse side.

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Affidavit

I (name)__________________________

Address)________________________________________

Affirm that I am the owner of a certain parcel of land located at:

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and that I have applied for a building permit. I affirm that I am familiar with the prerequisites of Section 54.1.1111 of the Code of Virginia, that I have read the reverse side of this document and I am not subject to be licensed as a contractor.

Owner signature: ____________________________

Sect. 54.1.1111. Prerequisites to obtaining building, etc., permit. Any person applying to the building inspector or any other authority of a county, city or town in this Commonwealth, charged with the duty of issuing building or other permits for the construction of any building, highway, sewer, or structure, or any removal, grading or improvement, shall furnish prior to the issuance of the permit, either satisfactory proof to such inspector or authority that he is duly licensed under the terms of this chapter to carry out or superintend the same, or file a written statement, supported by an affidavit, that he is not subject to be licensed as a contractor, subcontractor, or owner-developer pursuant to this chapter.

NOTE: It is a violation of Title 54.1, Chapter 11 of the Code of Virginia to act as a contractor without a license or to accept bids from an unlicensed contractor. If anyone, other than the individual named above, performs work which exceeds a value of $1,000.00 (any value if work involves trades work), a license is required. If the work involves the practice of a regulated trade a license is required regardless of the value. The individual named above shall be responsible for all work performed under the permit.

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