



Owner Contractor Statement of Understanding

Property Owners are permitted to perform all or some of the work on their own private property for any project proposed. Whatcom County recommends that all work be performed by a trained, licensed professional for life and safety concerns. If you are not going to be the general contractor, and you are not going to be doing the work yourself, you will need to provide the contractor's license number prior to issuance of the permit.

Please check the items you intend to perform yourself as the owner/builder:

Plumbing Installation:

Per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 18.106.150 (exemptions), you may also enlist the help of a friend, neighbor, relative, or other acquaintance, provided that such persons are not being compensated for the services.

Mechanical Equipment Installation:

Work may include installation of a furnace, heat pump, exhaust fans, gas piping or etc.

General Construction:

Owners are permitted to be their own general contractor. Per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 18.27, an owner is required to:

- 1. Hire WA State licensed subcontractors for any work not performed by the owner;*
- 2. Hire a minimum of two licensed subcontractors to be considered the general contractor;*
- 3. Verify current state licenses of all subcontractors hired.*

Owners who hire unlicensed contractors may be held responsible for medical and/or time loss expenses for workers injured on the job and suppliers can place liens on an owner's property for non-payment of materials used by an unlicensed contractor for work on the owner's property. All work shall be inspected and approved, per plan by Whatcom County.

I/we, the undersigned owner(s), accept complete responsibility as the general contractor for the current work proposed at the following address in Whatcom County:

(Address or Parcel #):

I/we, the undersigned owners, hereby certify under penalty of perjury of the Laws of the State of Washington, that I/we have read and examined this Statement of Understanding and that the information I/we have provided herein is true and correct. I/we will comply with all provisions of the law and ordinance governing this type of construction work, whether specified herein or not. I/we understand that the granting of a permit does not authorize, in any way, the violation or cancellation of any of the provisions of state or local law regulating the work proposed under the current permit application.

Signature of Owner Contractor

Date

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Agent Authorization (If applicable): *[leave blank if no agent is being authorized]*

The following individual, company and/or company representative *[circle whichever applies]* is authorized to act as the agent to submit the current building permit application at the address listed on this form:

Name of Agent: _____

Signature of Agent

Date

Note: Notary is not required when Owner(s)'s signature is witnessed by Planning and Development staff and NO Agent is authorized by the Owner(s). Agent Authorization requires a notarized signature.

Subscribed and sworn before me this day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Notary Public in and for the State of Washington

Residing at _____

My appointment expires: ____/____/____