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Notice to Property Owner

Important Notice to Property Owner

An application for a building permit has been submitted in your name listing yourself as the builder of the property improvements specified at: _____.

The City of Ukiah Building Services is providing you with an Owner-Builder Acknowledgement and Information Verification form to make you aware of your responsibilities and risk you may incur by having this permit issued in your name as the Owner-Builder. **Building Services will not issue a building permit until you have read, initialed your understanding of each provision, signed, and returned this form to us at our official address noted above.** An agent of the owner cannot execute this notice unless you, the property owner, obtain the prior approval of the permitting authority.

Owner's Acknowledgement and Verification of Information

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

Initials

1.	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/her own labor and material personally. I, as an Owner-Builder, may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person and his/her employees while working on my property. My homeowner's insurance may not provide coverage for these injuries. I am willfully acting as an Owner-Builder and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property.
2.	2. I understand building permits are not required to be signed by property owners unless they are <i>responsible</i> for the construction and are not hiring a licensed contractor to assume responsibility.
3.	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 the potential financial risk by hiring a licensed Contractor and having the permit filed in his/her name instead of my own.
4.	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.	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 \$500 including labor and materials, I may be considered an "employer" under state and federal law.
6.	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.	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 <i>all</i> work is performed by licensed subcontractors and the number of structures does not exceed four within any calendar year, or all the work is performed under contract with a licensed general building Contractor.
8.	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.	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 understand I may contact the California State License Board (CSLB) at 800-321-CSLB or www.cslb.ca.gov for more information about licensed contractors.
10.	10. I am aware of and consent to an Owner-Builder building permit applied for in my name, and understand that I am partly legally and financially responsible for proposed construction activity at the address identified below.
11.	11. I agree that, as the partly 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.	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 is an unlicensed Contractor or employee of this individual or firm s 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 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.

Property Owner’s Signature:	Date:
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Note: The following Authorization Form is required to be completed by the property owner only when designating an agent of the property owner to apply for a construction permit for the Owner-Builder.

Authorization of Agent to Act on Property Owner’s Behalf

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

Scope of Construction Project (Description of Work):	
Project Address/Location:	
Name of Authorized Agent:	Phone No.:
Address of Authorized Agent:	

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am he property owner for the address listed above and I personally filled out the above information and certify its accuracy.

Note: A copy of the 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.

Property Owner’s Signature:	Date:
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