

## **Important Information Concerning Your Construction Permit Application**

**Before signing the Certification in Lieu of Oath indicating that you are performing the work yourself, please consider the following:**

1. The laws requiring new home builders to be registered and contractors in the various trades, such as plumbing and electrical work, to be licensed were adopted to protect homeowners and homebuyers. If you are signing this Certification to provide cover to an unlicensed homebuilder or contractor, you are forfeiting the protection afforded to you under the law. The contractor that you have hired may or may not be qualified. And if you encounter problems with this contractor, the government will not be able to help you because you signed the Certification indicating that you are performing the work yourself.

In the case of the construction of a new home, you are forfeiting your right to a new home warranty. Every new home builder in New Jersey is required to be registered with the State and to give a warranty to each purchaser. The warranty covers almost all defects in workmanship or materials, including appliances, for the first year; plumbing, mechanical (heating and air conditioning), and electrical systems for the first two years; and major structural defects for ten years. Further, the warranty will actually pay for the correction of defects if the builder fails or refuses to do so. By signing the Certification, you are giving up that protection.

2. You are violating the criminal laws of this State if you sign the Certification indicating that you are doing the work yourself when, in fact, you are paying someone else to do it.

**CERTIFICATION IN LIEU OF OATH**

**I. OWNER SECTION (to be completed if the applicant is the owner in fee)**

I hereby certify that I am the owner in fee of the property listed on Page 1.

Mark the following applicable boxes:

A.  I further certify that a new home (private residence) will be constructed on this property for my own use and occupancy. This dwelling is to be occupied by myself and is not to be used for any purpose other than single family residential use. I attest that all construction, plumbing, or electrical work will be done, in whole or in part, by me or by subcontractors under my supervision, in accordance with all applicable laws; and, I further acknowledge that said new home is not covered under the New Home Warranty and Builders Registration Act (N.J.S.A. 46:3B-1 et seq.) and that such fact shall be disclosed to any person purchasing this property within ten years of the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IN MARKING BOX A, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK DONE ON SAID PROPERTY, THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY PRIOR TO, DURING, AND AFTER ANY WORK PERFORMED, AND FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SUBCONTRACTORS I HIRE, EMPLOY, OR OTHERWISE CONTRACT OR WITH WHOM I MAKE AGREEMENTS TO PERFORM WORK. I AM VOLUNTARILY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUMING THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

B.  I further certify the following as required by the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(f)1.ix:

I personally prepared the plans submitted for: 1) the new home referred to in A.; or, 2) an addition, alteration, renovation, or repair to an existing single family residence owned and occupied by myself and located on the property listed on Page 1; or, 3) a new structure that will be physically separate from, but that will be deemed part of, an existing single family residence that is owned and occupied by myself and located on the property listed on Page 1.

C.  I further certify that I will perform or supervise the following work:

- C.1.  Building                      C.2.  Fire Protection

I further certify that I will perform the following work:

- C.3.  Electrical                      C.4.  Plumbing

D.  I agree to advise all contractors on this project that they are required to be registered with the New Jersey Division of Taxation and to comply with all New Jersey tax laws.

I further certify the following as required by the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(a)5: All required State, county, and local prior approvals, including such certification as the construction official may require, have been given or will be given prior to permit issuance.

I understand that if any of the above statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**II. AGENT SECTION (to be completed if the applicant is not the owner in fee)**

I hereby certify the following as required by the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(d): the proposed work is authorized by the owner in fee; and I have been authorized by the owner in fee to make this application as his agent.

I further certify the following as required by the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(a)5: All required State, county, and local prior approvals, including such certification as the construction official may require, have been given or will be given prior to permit issuance.

I agree to advise all contractors on this project that they are required to be registered with the New Jersey Division of Taxation and to comply with all New Jersey tax laws.

I understand that if any of the above statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Check if contractor.

Agent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

III.  LEAD HAZARD ABATEMENT: Include Homeowner or Building Owner Affidavit as per N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.15(b)4.

IV.  HOME ELEVATION: Include Home Elevation Contractor Certification as per N.J.S.A. 52:27D-123.16.