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HOMEOWNERS NOTICE / AFFIDAVIT:

Under Michigan State Law, if you choose to apply for and receive a “Homeowner Permit” it will be issued under the expectation that you are as qualified and as knowledgeable as a licensed contractor. State law prohibits a homeowner from obtaining a permit as homeowner if a licensed contractor is being hired. Licensed contractors may NOT work under a homeowner permit.

Since you will be held to the same standards as a licensed contractor, you are encouraged to research and know the appropriate code(s), which you will be regulated by and to.

State law prohibits a homeowner from obtaining a plumbing, mechanical or electrical permit as “homeowner” if this is not your personal primary, occupied residence and/or you do not intend it as such once said work is complete. A homeowner may only obtain a building permit on a rental property if it is for maintenance or alteration only, this does not include additions to a structure.

Homeowner Signature

Date

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Section 339.2403

**OCCUPATIONAL CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 299 of 1980**

339.2403 Engaging in business or acting in capacity of residential builder or residential maintenance and alteration contractor or salesperson without license.

Sec. 2403.

Notwithstanding article 6, a person may engage in the business of or act in the capacity of a residential builder or a residential maintenance and alteration contractor or salesperson in this state without having a license, if the person is 1 of the following:

- (a) An authorized representative of the United States government, this state, or a county, township, city, village, or other political subdivision of this state.
- (b) An owner of property, with reference to a structure on the property for the owner's own use and occupancy.
- (c) An owner of rental property, with reference to the maintenance and alteration of that rental property.
- (d) An officer of a court acting within the terms of the officer's office.
- (e) A person other than the salesperson who engages solely in the business of performing work and services under contract with a residential builder or a residential maintenance and alteration contractor licensed under this article.
- (f) A person working on 1 undertaking or project by 1 or more contracts, the aggregate contract price for which labor, material, and any other item is less than \$600.00. This exemption does not apply if the work of a construction is only a part of a larger or major operation, whether undertaken by the same or a different residential builder or residential maintenance and alteration contractor, or in which a division of the operation is made in contracts of amounts less than \$600.00, to evade this act.
- (g) An electrical contractor who is licensed under Act No. 217 of the Public Acts of 1956, as amended, being sections 338.881 to 338.892 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. This exemption applies only to the electrical installation, electrical maintenance, or electrical repair work performed by the electrical contractor.
- (h) A plumbing contractor licensed under Act No. 266 of the Public Acts of 1929, as amended, being sections 338.901 to 338.917 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. This exemption applies only to plumbing installation, plumbing maintenance, or plumbing repair work performed by the plumbing contractor.
- (i) A mechanical contractor who is licensed under the mechanical contractors act. This exemption applies only to mechanical installation, mechanical maintenance, or mechanical repair work performed by the mechanical contractor.

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Popular Name: Act 299

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ALTERATION. Any construction or renovation to an existing structure other than repair or addition that requires a *permit*. Also, a change in a mechanical system that involves an extension, addition or change to the arrangement, type or purpose of the original installation that requires a *permit*.

∩ The modification of an existing structure without adding any floor area or height to the structure is an alteration. Section R105 of the code specifies that a permit for the alteration work is required before work begins. The term "alteration" also applies to mechanical work where the original installation is altered in a manner requiring a permit. The repairs described in Section R105.2.2 are not alterations because a permit is not required.