

TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE

HOMEOWNER WARNING NOTICE

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A BUILDING PERMIT AS A HOMEOWNER

- A homeowner is defined as a person who owns a parcel of land on which they reside, or is intending to reside, in a one or two family dwelling, with attached or detached structures accessory to such use and/or farm structures. If you do not meet this definition a building permit cannot be issued to you as a homeowner.
- You will be personally responsible for all work on this project.
- You are responsible to see that all work meets the Massachusetts State Building Code and the Town Zoning By-Laws.
- You must supervise all work.
- You must call the Bldg. Dept. to schedule all required building inspections.
- You must be present for all the building inspections.
- You have waived all rights to the Massachusetts Guaranty Fund.
- You are the General Contractor of the project and a court of law will view you as such if you are sued, or if you should have the need to sue another party.
- Your subcontractors may lien your property.
- Any worker injured on your project may sue you if you or the company they work for does not carry Workmen's Compensation Insurance.
- Failure to carry Workman's Compensation insurance may result in criminal penalties, i.e. fines and/or imprisonment. (Reference MGL c. 152 Sec. 25).

This warning has been assembled because we have found that a majority of those citizens who sign the Homeowner's Exemption Form are not aware of the responsibilities that go along with assuming the construction responsibilities.

Your signature below verifies you have read this warning and understand its requirements.

X Signature _____ X Date: _____