

In 1993, the State Legislature passed an Act, which provides that no building permit may be issued until the County Building Official receives evidence from the Commissioner of Labor that the applicant complies with the Tennessee Worker's Compensation Law. Effective January 1, 1994, the Department of Codes Administration must require proof of workers' compensation insurance from contractors before issuance of "building" permits to do work in Metro Nashville-Davidson County, in accordance with the provisions of T. C. A. § 13-7-211.

Evidence of compliance with this law may be either (a) a certificate of compliance issued by the Commissioner of Labor of the State of Tennessee, or (b) a copy of a certificate of insurance, or (c) a copy of a workers' compensation policy, or (d) the number from the certificate of workers' compensation insurance issued by the Commissioner. (We prefer (d) the number from the certificate.) Evidence must be furnished at the time of application for each building permit. Copies of insurance documents may be returned upon request of the applicant upon expiration of the permit.

A permit applicant may claim an exemption to the requirements of this law because either (a) applicant is not required to obtain workers' compensation coverage under T. C. A. §§ 50-6-104 through 106, or (b) applicant performs work on the applicant's own property in the applicant's own county of residence, or (c) applicant directly supervises work on the applicant's own property in applicant's own county of residence. Any permit applicant claiming exemption shall sign an affidavit on a form furnished by this department attesting to the applicant's exemption from the provisions of this law. An affidavit form appears on the reverse side of this memo.

AFFIDAVIT OF EXEMPTION

(under T. C. A. § 13-7-211)

I, the undersigned, hereby swear or affirm that I am applying for a building permit from the Department of Codes Administration of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and am exempt from the requirements of T. C. A. § 13-8-211 (proof of workers' compensation insurance) because I am directly supervising/performing work on my own property in my own county.

SELF BUILDING PERMIT RESPONSIBILITY

☐ I hereby acknowledge that I am applying for this **SELF BUILDING PERMIT** in my own name, as property owner or lessee and I will act as my own general contractor accepting full responsibility for code compliance, for hiring and employing individuals, and subcontractors with ultimate responsibility for my own work and for the work of others. Acting as my own general contractor, **I further understand that I may forfeit certain protections**, which might be available to me through the State of Tennessee general contractor's licensing process. I further acknowledge that as a **SELF BUILDING PERMIT** holder I am responsible for requesting all required inspections and completing all authorized work in compliance with applicable adopted codes. **I further understand that separate permits are required for any proposed electrical, plumbing, and gas/mechanical work and is not part of the building permit.**

I have read and understand the above:

ACCEPT:

CANCEL: