

26 Professional Regulation applications for active
27 permits within a certain amount of time after a change
28 in previous qualifying agent's status; authorizing,
29 upon request, the current contracting company to sign
30 a change of contractor form; providing that an owner
31 may submit certain information to the building
32 official in order to process a change of contractor
33 form; providing for limited liability; amending s.
34 713.135, F.S.; requiring an applicant to file a notice
35 of commencement if a direct contract is more than a
36 specified amount; revising the definition of "copy of
37 the notice of commencement"; removing the need for a
38 certified copy of a recorded notice of commencement;
39 requiring the copy of the notice of commencement to
40 include a general description of the improvement;
41 revising the building permit application form;
42 requiring an owner to sign a permit application under
43 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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45 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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47 **Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 455.2124, Florida**
48 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

49 455.2124 Proration of or not requiring continuing
50 education.—

51 (2) (a) A board, or the department when there is no board,
 52 shall exempt an individual from completing the continuing
 53 education required for renewal of a license for a renewal period
 54 if:

55 1. The individual holds a ~~an active~~ license issued by the
 56 board or department to practice the profession;

57 2. The individual has continuously held the license for at
 58 least 10 years; and

59 3. No disciplinary action is imposed on the individual's
 60 license.

61 (b) This subsection does not apply to building code
 62 administrators and inspectors regulated pursuant to part XII of
 63 chapter 468; engineers regulated pursuant to chapter 471; to
 64 certified public accountants regulated pursuant to chapter 473;
 65 to brokers, broker associates, and sales associates regulated
 66 pursuant to part I of chapter 475; to appraisers regulated
 67 pursuant to part II of chapter 475; to architects, interior
 68 designers, or landscape architects regulated pursuant to chapter
 69 481; or to contractors regulated pursuant to chapter 489.

70 **Section 2. Subsection (2) and paragraph (h) of subsection**
 71 **(5) of section 468.603, Florida Statutes, are amended, and**
 72 **paragraph (e) is added to subsection (8) of that section, to**
 73 **read:**

74 468.603 Definitions.—As used in this part:

75 (2) "Building code administrator" or "building official"

76 means any of those employees of municipal or county governments,
 77 or any person contracted, with building construction regulation
 78 responsibilities who are charged with the responsibility for
 79 direct regulatory administration or supervision of plan review,
 80 enforcement, or inspection of building construction, erection,
 81 repair, addition, remodeling, demolition, or alteration projects
 82 that require permitting indicating compliance with building,
 83 plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas, fire prevention, energy,
 84 accessibility, and other construction codes as required by state
 85 law or municipal or county ordinance. This term is synonymous
 86 with "building official" as used in the Florida Building Code.
 87 One person employed or contracted by each municipal or county
 88 government as a building code administrator or building official
 89 and who is so certified under this part may be authorized to
 90 perform any plan review or inspection for which certification is
 91 required by this part, which also includes ~~including~~ performing
 92 any plan review or inspection as a currently designated standard
 93 certified building official under an interagency service
 94 agreement with:
 95 (a) A jurisdiction having a population of 50,000 or less;
 96 or
 97 (b) A public school district, a Florida College System
 98 institution, or a state university that has a student enrollment
 99 of 50,000 or less.
 100 (5) "Categories of building code inspectors" include the

101 following:

102 (h) "Residential inspector" means a person who is
103 qualified to inspect and determine that detached one-family and
104 two-family, or three-family residences, and townhouses that have
105 a separate means of egress and the accessory structures in
106 connection therewith which do not exceed three stories above
107 grade plane in height, not exceeding two habitable stories above
108 no more than one uninhabitable story and accessory use
109 structures in connection therewith are constructed in accordance
110 with the ~~provisions of the~~ governing building, plumbing,
111 mechanical, accessibility, and electrical codes.

112 (8) "Plans examiner" means a person who is qualified to
113 determine that plans submitted for purposes of obtaining
114 building and other permits comply with the applicable building,
115 plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas, fire prevention, energy,
116 accessibility, and other applicable construction codes. The term
117 includes a residential plans examiner who is qualified to
118 determine that plans submitted for purposes of obtaining
119 building and other permits comply with the applicable
120 residential building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas,
121 energy, accessibility, and other applicable construction codes.
122 Categories of plans examiners include:

123 (e) Residential plans examiner.

124 **Section 3. Subsection (10) of section 468.609, Florida**
125 **Statutes, is amended, and subsection (11) is added to that**

126 **section, to read:**

127 468.609 Administration of this part; standards for
128 certification; additional categories of certification;
129 internship programs.—

130 (10) (a) The board may by rule create categories of
131 certification in addition to those defined in s. 468.603(5) and
132 (8). Such certification categories are ~~shall~~ not be mandatory
133 and may ~~shall~~ not ~~act to~~ diminish the scope of any certificate
134 created by statute.

135 (b) The board shall by rule establish:

136 1. Reciprocity of certification with any other state that
137 requires an examination administered by the International Code
138 Council.

139 2. That an applicant for certification as a building code
140 inspector or plans examiner may apply for a provisional
141 certificate valid for the duration of the internship period.

142 3. That partial completion of an internship program is
143 transferable among jurisdictions, private providers, and firms
144 of private providers on a form prescribed by the board.

145 4. That an applicant may apply for a standard certificate
146 on a form prescribed by the board upon successful completion of
147 an internship certification program.

148 5. That an applicant may apply for a standard certificate
149 at least 30 days but no more than 60 days before completing the
150 internship certification program.

151 6. That a building code inspector or plans examiner who
152 has standard certification may seek an additional certification
153 in another category by completing an additional nonconcurrent 1-
154 year internship program in the certification category sought and
155 passing an examination administered by the International Code
156 Council and a board-approved 40-hour code training course.

157 7. An application for a provisional certificate which
158 allows qualified applicants to select the following voluntary
159 categories:

160 a. Commercial or residential pool inspector.

161 b. Modular inspector.

162 c. Modular plans examiner.

163 d. Residential plans examiner.

164 e. Roofing inspector.

165 8. The necessary forms and the appropriate examinations
166 for each category of plans examiner as defined in s. 468.603(8).

167 (c) The board shall amend the eligibility criteria for
168 one-family and two-family dwelling inspector certification to
169 include completion of a residential inspector internship program
170 and completion of a residential plans examiner internship
171 program.

172 (11) The board shall by rule create the following
173 internship programs with the corresponding criteria:

174 (a) A residential inspector internship program. To be
175 eligible for the internship program, a person must complete an

176 80-hour residential inspector code training course and:

177 1.a. Before entering the program, hold a certification
178 from the International Codes Council as a residential or
179 commercial inspector in each of the following categories:

180 (I) Building.

181 (II) Electrical.

182 (III) Plumbing.

183 (IV) Mechanical.

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185 A person certified as a one-family and two-family dwelling or
186 residential inspector under a legacy certification issued by the
187 International Codes Council on or after January 1, 2003, or by
188 the Building Officials and Code Administrators International,
189 the International Conference of Building Officials, or the
190 Southern Building Code Congress International before January 1,
191 2003, meets the requirements of this sub-subparagraph; and

192 b. Complete a 4-year internship program that includes 1-
193 year of on-the-job training under the supervision of a standard
194 certified inspector in each of the categories listed under sub-
195 subparagraph 1.a. The internship program may be reduced to no
196 less than 2 years if the person has verifiable work experience
197 or education with at least 6 months of on-the-job training under
198 the supervision of a standard certified inspector in each of the
199 categories listed under sub-subparagraph 1.a.; or

200 2. Hold a standard certification as an inspector in any of

201 the categories listed in s. 468.603(5) and completed an
202 internship program that includes not less than 6 months of on-
203 the-job training under the supervision of a standard certified
204 inspector in each of the categories listed under sub-
205 subparagraph 1.a.

206 (b) A residential plans examiner internship program. To be
207 eligible for the internship program, a person must complete a
208 40-hour residential plans examiner training course and:

209 1.a. Before entering the program, hold a certification
210 from the International Codes Council as a residential or
211 commercial inspector in each of the following categories:

212 (I) Building.

213 (II) Electrical.

214 (III) Plumbing.

215 (IV) Mechanical; and

216 b. Complete a 4-year internship program that includes 1-
217 year of on-the-job training under the supervision of a standard
218 certified plans examiner in each of the categories listed under
219 sub-subparagraph 1.a.; or

220 2. Hold a standard certification as a plans examiner in
221 any of the categories listed in s. 468.603(5) and completed an
222 internship program that includes not less than 1 year of on-the-
223 job training under the supervision of a standard certified plans
224 examiner in each of the categories listed under sub-subparagraph
225 1.a.

226 (c) A roofing inspector internship program. To be eligible
 227 for the internship program, a person must complete a 40-hour
 228 roofing inspector training course and:

229 1.a. Before entering the program, hold a certification
 230 from the International Codes Council as a roofing inspector; and

231 b. Complete a 1-year internship program that includes on-
 232 the-job training as a roofing inspector under the supervision of
 233 a standard certified commercial building inspector or roofing
 234 inspector; or

235 2. Hold a standard certification as a residential building
 236 inspector and completed an internship program that includes at
 237 least 200 hours of on-the-job training under the supervision of
 238 a standard certified commercial building inspector or roofing
 239 inspector.

240 **Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (7) of**
 241 **section 489.103, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

242 489.103 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

243 (7) (a) An owner ~~Owners~~ of property when acting as his or
 244 her ~~their~~ own contractor and providing the direct, onsite
 245 supervision ~~themselves~~ of all work not performed by licensed
 246 contractors:

247 1. When building or improving farm outbuildings or one-
 248 family or two-family residences on such property for the
 249 occupancy or use of such owners and not offered for sale or
 250 lease, or building or improving commercial buildings, at a cost

251 not to exceed \$75,000, on such property for the occupancy or use
252 of such owners and not offered for sale or lease. In an action
253 brought under this part, proof of the sale or lease, or offering
254 for sale or lease, of any such structure by the owner-builder
255 within 1 year after completion of same creates a presumption
256 that the construction was undertaken for purposes of sale or
257 lease.

258 2. When repairing or replacing wood shakes or asphalt or
259 fiberglass shingles on one-family, two-family, or three-family
260 residences for the occupancy or use of such owner or tenant of
261 the owner and not offered for sale within 1 year after
262 completion of the work and when the property has been damaged by
263 natural causes from an event recognized as an emergency
264 situation designated by executive order issued by the Governor
265 declaring the existence of a state of emergency as a result and
266 consequence of a serious threat posed to the public health,
267 safety, and property in this state.

268 3. When installing, uninstalling, or replacing solar
269 panels on one-family, two-family, or three-family residences,
270 and the local permitting agency's county or municipal government
271 is participating in a "United States Department of Energy
272 SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge" grant. However, an
273 owner must utilize a licensed electrical contractor to
274 effectuate the wiring of the solar panels, including any
275 interconnection to the owner's ~~customer's~~ residential electrical

276 wiring. The limitations of this exemption shall be expressly
277 stated in the building permit approved and issued by the
278 permitting agency for such project.

279 4. When completing the requirements of a building permit,
280 where the contractor listed on the permit substantially
281 completed the project as determined by the local permitting
282 agency, for a one-family or two-family residence, townhome, or
283 an accessory structure of a one-family or two-family residence
284 or townhome or an individual residential condominium unit or
285 cooperative unit. Before ~~Prior~~ to qualifying for the exemption,
286 the owner must receive approval from the local permitting
287 agency, and the local permitting agency must determine that the
288 contractor listed on the permit substantially completed the
289 project. An owner who qualifies for the exemption under this
290 subparagraph is not required to occupy the dwelling or unit for
291 at least 1 year after the completion of the project.

292 (c) To qualify for exemption under this subsection, an
293 owner, not inclusive of a corporate entity, must ~~personally~~
294 appear either in person or virtually and physically or
295 electronically sign the building permit application and
296 disclosure statement, and must satisfy local permitting agency
297 requirements, if any, proving that the owner has a complete
298 understanding of the owner's obligations under the law as
299 specified in the disclosure statement in this section. However,
300 for purposes of implementing a "United States Department of

301 Energy SunShot Initiative: Rooftop Solar Challenge" grant and
302 the participation of county and municipal governments, including
303 local permitting agencies under the jurisdiction of such county
304 and municipal governments, an owner's notarized or electronic
305 signature or personal or virtual appearance to sign the permit
306 application and disclosure statement is not required for a solar
307 project, as described in subparagraph (a)3., if the building
308 permit application is submitted electronically to the permitting
309 agency and the owner certifies the application and disclosure
310 statement using the permitting agency's electronic confirmation
311 system. If any person violates the requirements of this
312 subsection, the local permitting agency shall withhold final
313 approval, revoke the permit, or pursue any action or remedy for
314 unlicensed activity against the owner and any person performing
315 work that requires licensure under the permit issued. The local
316 permitting agency shall provide the owner ~~person~~ with a
317 disclosure statement in substantially the following form:

318 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

- 319 1. I understand that state law requires construction to be done
320 by a licensed contractor and have applied for an owner-builder
321 permit under an exemption from the law. The exemption specifies
322 that I, as the owner of the property listed, may act as my own
323 contractor with certain restrictions even though I do not have a
324 license.
- 325 2. I understand that a permit application is ~~building permits~~

326 ~~are not~~ required to be signed by a property owner in the
327 following situations:

328 a. If the property owner ~~unless he or she~~ is responsible for
329 the construction and is not hiring a licensed contractor to
330 assume responsibility.

331 b. If the property owner hires a contractor and the direct
332 contract is for more than \$7,500.

333 c. If the property owner is repairing or replacing an existing
334 heating or air-conditioning system and the direct contract is
335 \$15,000 or more.

336 3. I understand that, as an owner-builder, I am the responsible
337 party of record on a permit. I understand that I may protect
338 myself from potential financial risk by hiring a licensed
339 contractor and having the permit filed in his or her name
340 instead of my own name. I also understand that a contractor is
341 required by law to be licensed in Florida and to list his or her
342 license numbers on permits and contracts.

343 4. I understand that I may build or improve a one-family or
344 two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. I may also build or
345 improve a commercial building if the costs do not exceed
346 \$75,000. The building or residence must be for my own use or
347 occupancy. It may not be built or substantially improved for
348 sale or lease, unless I am completing the requirements of a
349 building permit where the contractor listed on the permit
350 substantially completed the project. If a building or residence

351 that I have built or substantially improved myself is sold or
352 leased within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law
353 will presume that I built or substantially improved it for sale
354 or lease, which violates the exemption.

355 5. I understand that, as the owner-builder, I must provide
356 direct, onsite supervision of the construction.

357 6. I understand that I may not hire an unlicensed person to act
358 as my contractor or to supervise persons working on my building
359 or residence. It is my responsibility to ensure that the persons
360 whom I employ have the licenses required by law and by county or
361 municipal ordinance.

362 7. I understand that it is a frequent practice of unlicensed
363 persons to have the property owner obtain an owner-builder
364 permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is
365 providing his or her own labor and materials. I, as an owner-
366 builder, may be held liable and subjected to serious financial
367 risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person or his
368 or her employees while working on my property. My homeowner's
369 insurance may not provide coverage for those injuries. I am
370 willfully acting as an owner-builder and am aware of the limits
371 of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property.

372 8. I understand that I may not delegate the responsibility for
373 supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to
374 perform the work being done. Any person working on my building
375 who is not licensed must work under my direct supervision and

376 must be employed by me, which means that I must comply with laws
377 requiring the withholding of federal income tax and social
378 security contributions under the Federal Insurance Contributions
379 Act (FICA) and must provide workers' compensation for the
380 employee. I understand that my failure to follow these laws may
381 subject me to serious financial risk.

382 9. I agree that, as the party legally and financially
383 responsible for this proposed construction activity, I will
384 abide by all applicable laws and requirements that govern owner-
385 builders as well as employers. I also understand that the
386 construction must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances,
387 building codes, and zoning regulations.

388 10. I understand that I may obtain more information regarding
389 my obligations as an employer from the Internal Revenue Service,
390 the United States Small Business Administration, the Florida
391 Department of Financial Services, and the Florida Department of
392 Revenue. I also understand that I may contact the Florida
393 Construction Industry Licensing Board at ...(telephone
394 number)... or ...(Internet website address)... for more
395 information about licensed contractors.

396 11. I am aware of, and consent to, an owner-builder building
397 permit applied for in my name and understand that I am the party
398 legally and financially responsible for the proposed
399 construction activity at the following address: ...(address of
400 property)....

401 12. I agree to notify ...(issuer of disclosure statements)...
402 immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of
403 the information that I have provided on this disclosure.
404 Licensed contractors are regulated by laws designed to protect
405 the public. If you contract with a person who does not have a
406 license, the Construction Industry Licensing Board and
407 Department of Business and Professional Regulation may be unable
408 to assist you with any financial loss that you sustain as a
409 result of a complaint. Your only remedy against an unlicensed
410 contractor may be in civil court. It is also important for you
411 to understand that, if an unlicensed contractor or employee of
412 an individual or firm is injured while working on your property,
413 you may be held liable for damages. If you obtain an owner-
414 builder permit and wish to hire a licensed contractor, you will
415 be responsible for verifying whether the contractor is properly
416 licensed and the status of the contractor's workers'
417 compensation coverage.
418 Before a building permit can be issued, this disclosure
419 statement must be completed and signed by the property owner and
420 returned to the local permitting agency responsible for issuing
421 the permit. A copy of the property owner's driver license, the
422 notarized signature of the property owner, or other type of
423 verification acceptable to the local permitting agency is
424 required when the permit is issued.
425 Signature: ...(signature of property owner)....

Date: ... (date)

Section 5. Subsection (4) is added to section 489.1195, Florida Statutes, to read:

489.1195 Responsibilities.—

(4) (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term "change of contractor" means a change from one contracting company to another, a change of the licensed qualifying agent within the same contracting company, or a change to a contracting company's name while keeping the same licensed qualifying agent.

(b) A new primary qualifying agent for the contracting company must file with the department an application for each active permit in this state for a change of qualifying agent within 90 days after the previous qualifying agent's status has terminated.

(c) Upon the request of a project owner, the current contracting company may sign a change of contractor form provided by the building official on an active or expired permit. If the current contracting company declines or is unavailable to sign such form or is deceased, the project owner must serve notice of a change of contractor to the current contracting company's corporate address or e-mail address. The project owner must then submit a change of contractor form, along with a hold harmless affidavit, to the building official. Upon receipt of the form and affidavit, the building official must process a change of contractor form without any further

451 notification or waiting period.

452 (d) After a change of qualifying agent under paragraph (b)
453 or paragraph (c), the new qualifying agent is not liable for any
454 work done by the previous qualifying agent, but is responsible
455 for any corrective work and new work performed.

456 **Section 6. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1), subsection**
457 **(3), and paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 713.135,**
458 **Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (e) is added to**
459 **subsection (7) of that section, to read:**

460 713.135 Notice of commencement and applicability of lien.—

461 (1) When a person applies for a building permit, the
462 authority issuing such permit shall:

463 (e) Require the applicant to file with the issuing
464 authority before the first inspection a copy of the notice of
465 commencement if the direct contract is greater than \$7,500
466 ~~\$5,000~~. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "copy of the
467 notice of commencement" means a ~~certified~~ copy of the recorded
468 notice of commencement with the recording information, a
469 notarized statement that the notice of commencement has been
470 filed for recording along with a copy thereof, or the clerk's
471 office's official records identifying information that includes
472 the instrument number for the notice of commencement or the
473 number and page of book where the notice of commencement is
474 recorded, as identified by the clerk.

475 1. In the absence of the filing of a copy of the notice of

476 commencement, the issuing authority or a private provider
477 performing inspection services may not perform or approve
478 subsequent inspections until the applicant files by mail,
479 facsimile, hand delivery, or any other means such copy with the
480 issuing authority.

481 2. The copy of the notice of commencement must contain the
482 name and address of the owner, the name and address of the
483 contractor, ~~and~~ the location or address of the property being
484 improved, and a general description of the improvement being
485 done. The issuing authority shall verify that the information
486 ~~name and address of the owner, the name of the contractor, and~~
487 ~~the location or address of the property being improved which is~~
488 contained in the copy of the notice of commencement is
489 consistent with the information in the building permit
490 application.

491 3. The issuing authority shall provide the recording
492 information on the copy of the notice of commencement to any
493 person upon request.

494 4. This paragraph does not require the recording of a
495 notice of commencement before the issuance of a building permit.
496 If a local government requires a separate permit or inspection
497 for installation of temporary electrical service or other
498 temporary utility service, land clearing, or other preliminary
499 site work, such permits may be issued and such inspections may
500 be conducted without providing the issuing authority with a copy

501 of the notice of commencement.

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 503 This subsection does not apply to a direct contract to repair or
 504 replace an existing heating or air-conditioning system in an
 505 amount less than \$15,000.

506 (3) An issuing authority under subsection (1) is not
 507 liable in any civil action for the failure to verify that a
 508 ~~certified~~ copy of the recorded notice of commencement with the
 509 recording information, a notarized statement that the notice of
 510 commencement has been filed for recording along with a copy
 511 thereof, or the clerk's office's official records identifying
 512 information that includes the instrument number for the notice
 513 of commencement or the number and page of book where the notice
 514 of commencement is recorded, as identified by the clerk, has
 515 been filed in accordance with this section.

516 (7) (a) In addition to any other information required by
 517 the authority issuing the permit, the building permit
 518 application must be in substantially the following form:

519 Tax Folio No.....
 520 BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION
 521 Owner's Name.....
 522 Owner's Address.....
 523 Fee Simple Titleholder's Name (If other than owner).....
 524 Fee Simple Titleholder's Address (If other than owner).....
 525 City

526 State..... Zip.....

527 Contractor's Name.....

528 Contractor's Address.....

529 City

530 State..... Zip.....

531 Job Name.....

532 Job Address.....

533 City..... County.....

534 Legal Description.....

535 Bonding Company.....

536 Bonding Company Address.....

537 City..... State.....

538 Architect/Engineer's Name.....

539 Architect/Engineer's Address.....

540 Mortgage Lender's Name.....

541 Mortgage Lender's Address.....

542 Application is hereby made to obtain a permit to do the

543 work and installations as indicated. I certify that no work or

544 installation has commenced before ~~prior to~~ the issuance of a

545 permit and that all work will be performed to meet the standards

546 of all laws regulating construction in this jurisdiction. I

547 understand that a separate permit must be secured for ELECTRICAL

548 WORK, PLUMBING, SIGNS, WELLS, POOLS, FURNACES, BOILERS, HEATERS,

549 TANKS, and AIR CONDITIONERS, etc., if required by this

550 jurisdiction.

551 OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT: I certify that all the foregoing information
 552 is accurate and that all work will be done in compliance with
 553 all applicable laws regulating construction and zoning.

554 WARNING TO OWNER: YOUR FAILURE TO RECORD A NOTICE OF
 555 COMMENCEMENT MAY RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO
 556 YOUR PROPERTY. A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MUST BE RECORDED AND
 557 POSTED ON THE JOB SITE BEFORE THE FIRST INSPECTION.

558 IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR
 559 AN ATTORNEY BEFORE COMMENCING WORK OR RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF
 560 COMMENCEMENT.

561 ... (Signature of Owner or Agent) ...

562 ... (including contractor) ...

563 STATE OF FLORIDA

564 COUNTY OF

565 Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this
 566 day of, ... (year) ..., by ... (name of person making
 567 statement)

568 ... (Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida) ...

569 ... (Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public) ...

570 Personally Known OR Produced Identification

571 Type of Identification Produced

572 ... (Signature of Contractor) ...

573 STATE OF FLORIDA

574 COUNTY OF

575 Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this

576 day of, ...(year)..., by ...(name of person making
577 statement)....

578 ...(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)...

579 ...(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)...

580 Personally Known OR Produced Identification

581 Type of Identification Produced.....

582 (Certificate of Competency Holder)

583 Contractor's State Certification or Registration No.....

584 Contractor's Certificate of Competency No.....

585 APPLICATION APPROVED BY

586Permit Officer

587 (e) Even if an owner hires a licensed contractor, the
588 owner must still sign the permit application if the direct
589 contract is for more than \$7,500 or, if repairing or replacing
590 an existing heating or air-conditioning system, the direct
591 contract is for \$15,000 or more.

592 **Section 7.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.