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HOMEOWNER LICENSE EXEMPTION Please Print		
DATE:	_	
JOB LOCATION:		
number	street	village
"HOMEOWNER":		
name	home phone #	work phone #
CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS:		
city/to		zip code
The current exemption for "homeowners'		
to allow homeowners to engage an indivi-	dual for hire who does not possess a	a license, provided that the owner act
as supervisor.	DEFINITION OF HOMEOWNER	
Person(s) who owns a parcel of land on w be, a one or two-family dwelling, attached person who constructs more than one hon "homeowner" shall submit to the Building responsible for all such work performed u	d or detached structures accessory to ne in a two-year period shall not be g Official on a form acceptable to the	o such use and/or farm structures. A considered a homeowner. Such ne Building Official, that he/she shall
The undersigned "homeowner" assumes a applicable codes, bylaws, rules and regula		he State Building Code and other
The undersigned "homeowner" certifies t minimum inspection procedures and requrequirements.		
Signature of Homeowner		
Approval of Building Official		

Note: Three-family dwellings containing 35,000 cubic feet or larger will be required to comply with the State Building Code Section 127.0 Construction Control.

HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION

The Code states that: "Any homeowner performing work for which a building permit is required shall be exempt from the provisions of this section (Section 109.1.1 - Licensing of construction Supervisors); provided that if the homeowner engages a person(s) for hire to do such work, that such Homeowner shall act as supervisor."

Many homeowners who use this exemption are unaware that they are assuming the responsibilities of a supervisor (see Appendix Q, Rules & Regulations for Licensing Construction Supervisors, Section 2.15) This lack of awareness often results in serious problems, particularly when the homeowner hires unlicensed persons. In this case, our Board cannot proceed against the unlicensed person as it would with a licensed Supervisor. The homeowner acting as Supervisor is ultimately responsible.

To ensure that the homeowner is fully aware of his/her responsibilities, many communities require, as part of the permit application, that the homeowner certify that he/she understands the responsibilities of a Supervisor. On the last page of this issue is a form currently used by several towns. You may care to amend and adopt such a form/certification for use in your community.