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## **City of Battle Ground Owner-Builder Affidavit**

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*It is the purpose of Chapter 18.27RCW to afford protection to the public including all persons, firms, and corporations furnishing labor, materials, or equipment to a contractor from unreliable, fraudulent, financially irresponsible, or incompetent contractors.*

In signing and submitting this form, I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name), swear under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I am over the age of eighteen (18) and the following is true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge:

- I will be performing work generally defined as work performed by a contractor as defined by RCW 18.27.010 on my own property or property that I own, but do not currently reside in such that I will be operating as an owner-builder, as further defined below and as provided by RCW 18.27.090. I am not performing activities of a contractor on my own property for the purpose of selling, demolishing, or leasing the property without personally occupying the property for at least one (1) year after the proposed construction activity has been substantially completed.
- Pursuant to RCW 18.27.020, I understand it is a gross misdemeanor for any contractor to perform any work as a contractor without being registered as required by state law unless an exemption applies pursuant to RCW 18.27.090.
- I understand pursuant to RCW 18.27.010(C), the definition of a contractor includes any person, firm, corporation, or other entity covered by RCW 18.27.010 (1), whether or not registered as required under RCW 18.27 or who are otherwise required to be registered or licensed by law, who offer to sell their property without occupying or using the structures, projects, developments, or improvements for more than one year from the date the structure, project, development, or improvement was substantially completed or abandoned.
- I, as an owner-builder, agree to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations. I understand contractors are regulated by the laws of the state of Washington designed to protect the public.
- I agree to notify the City of Battle Ground immediately of any changes to the building permit on record. I agree the City of Battle Ground has fully complied with RCW 18.27.110 in issuing the building permit on record.

- I, as an owner-builder, may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person or his or her employees while working on my property. My home owner’s insurance may not provide coverage for those injuries. I am willfully acting as an owner-builder and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage.
- I agree that as the party legally and financially responsible for the proposed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws, regulations, and requirements that govern owner-builders as well as employers.
- I am responsible for verifying whether any contractor is properly licensed with the State of Washington and has all required business licenses, including a City of Battle Ground business license.
- I agree not to delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a contractor, whether or not licensed in this state, who is not licensed to perform the work being done.
- I agree to schedule the applicable inspections for my project so that the required inspections can be performed. I also understand I am responsible for resolving any failure to meet code requirements that may be found through inspections.

By signing this form, I further certify that I understand and agree the issuance or granting of a building permit for this project shall not be construed to be authorization for, or approval of, any violation of any state or federal law, including but not limited to Chapter 18.27. RCW, or the Battle Ground Municipal Code or any other ordinance or order of the City. To the extent the issuance this building permit is interpreted to allow construction activity restricted by any state or federal law, including by not limited to Chapter 18.27 RCW, or the Battle Ground Municipal Code or any other ordinance or order of the City, such authorization shall not authorize such work and shall not be valid. The building official is authorized to prevent occupancy or use of a structure where in violation of the Battle Ground Municipal Code, any other City ordinances of this jurisdiction or any other ordinance or executive order of the City, or of any state or federal law. The building official is authorized to suspend or revoke authorization granted if it is determined to be issued in error or on the basis of incorrect, inaccurate or incomplete information, or in violation of any state or federal law, including by not limited to Chapter 18.27 RCW, or the Battle Ground Municipal Code or any other ordinance or order of the City.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ [City], \_\_\_\_\_ [State] on \_\_\_\_\_ [Date].

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Building Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_