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State of Washington's Requirement for Acting as Your Own Contractor

The City of Duvall would like to advise you of the State of Washington's requirements for acting as your own contractor.

As the owner of a structure, whether private residence, office building, or apartment complex, you are allowed to act as your own general contractor as long as the person hired to work for you (such as a subcontractor) has a contractor licensed and bonded by the Department of Labor and Industry of the State of Washington.

Persons hired to install, repair or construct are required by law to apply for their own permit. These requirements are to safeguard the owner from individuals who have no financial responsibilities to honor contracts or to assure work is completed.

A person under your regular employment, such as a maintenance person, does not need to have a contractor's license. A neighbor, relative, or a friend need not be licensed when only assisting you.

A contractor or individual who has offered to perform such work as remodeling, repairs, and additions is incorrect if he informs you that a permit is not required.

Failure to hire licensed contractors to perform work in the trades violates State law and will void your permit.

In hiring an unlicensed subcontractor you assume all risk and liability.

I hereby acknowledge this notification:

A City of Duvall Business License is still required for any contractor or subcontractor that does work within the City limits.

Owner Print Name

Owner Signature

Date