



Gatlinburg Building Inspection Services

City of Gatlinburg, P. O. Box 5, 1230 East Parkway
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738

**Building Permit Application Requirements for
"Owners Own Use" Designation of Single Family Dwellings**

All building permit applications marked "Owners Own Use" without a licensed general contractor and/or sealed architectural plans must meet Tennessee law as excerpted below and be accompanied by a notarized statement from the owner. The designation of "owners own use" is for an individual's primary residence only. The City of Gatlinburg will refuse to issue a City Tourist Residency Permit for an "Owner's Own Use" dwelling for a period of two (2) years.

Tennessee Code Annotated: 62-6-103(2)(A) "Any person, firm or church that owns property can construct single residences, farm and other buildings *for individual use, not for resale, lease, rent or other similar purpose* is exempt from *(contractor licensing requirements.)*" *(Italics added)*

Tennessee Code Annotated: 62-6-103(2)(B) "...a person or firm . . . shall not make more than one (1) application for a permit to construct a single residence or shall not construct more than one (1) single residence within a period of two (2) years. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that such person or firm intends to construct for the purpose of resale, lease, rent or any other similar purpose if more than one (1) application is made for a permit to construct a single residence or if more than one (1) single residence is constructed within a period of two (2) years."

Rules of the Tennessee Board for Licensing Contractors: 0680-1-.22 (Exemption) "A person, business or church that owns property can build single residences or buildings *for their individual use (not the general public)* shall not need a contractor's license." *(Italics added)*

Affidavit of Owner's Own Use

I, the undersigned, testify that this residence located at _____ will be my primary residence only, and will not be for resale, lease, rent or any other similar purpose including overnight rental. I understand that the "Owner's Own Use" designation on my building permit application allows me to construct a primary residence for my individual use only, not more than once in any two-year time period.

I further understand that the City of Gatlinburg will refuse any request for a Tourist Residency Permit for this specific residence for a period of two (2) years from the date of the Certificate of Occupancy. I also understand that an annual Tourist Residency Permit is required for overnight rental of residential property in the City of Gatlinburg.

My signature attests that I understand and agree to abide by the requirements as described herein.

Signed this ____ day of _____, _____, _____
Permit Applicant

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public for the said state and county, _____
who affirmed the information and executed the instrument herein above for the purposes contained therein.

State or Tennessee
County of Sevier

Notary Public _____

My Commission Expires: _____