

COLUMBIA COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Air Conditioner Application Checklist

PERMIT EXEMPTION: If the construction job cost is \$5000 or less, no permit is required. (County Ord. 2025-05) This does not change the requirement for the use of licensed contractors and the requirement of recording a Notice of Commencement when the cost is \$5000 or more. (F.S. ch:489, F.S. ch:713)

- ☐ 2nd pg of Permit Application with PROPERTY OWNER'S Signature & Notarized Contractor Signature - The deeded property owner must sign page 2 of Application
- ☐ Subcontractors Verification Form, signed by the license holder/contractor or authorized Qualifier for each trade - if required
- ☐ License Holders (Contractors) must complete a "Letter of Authorization" for who is authorized to pull the permit on their behalf
- ☐ If an Owner Builder, Notarized Owner Disclosure Statement is required
- ☐ Proof of ownership by way of Recorded Deed or Property Appraiser's parcel details printout-- visit <https://search.ccpafl.com/>
- ☐ Corporation or Trust Details listing authorized signor(s) and POA forms if necessary
- ☐ Roof top installations requires 2 sets of blueprints, Signed & Sealed Engineering, 1 if digitally sealed
- ☐ Required - Unit information such as: AHRI Data Sheet, Accredited laboratory, Manufacturer's letter, FL Reg. Engineer's letter, etc... ..
- ☐ Recorded Notice of Commencement if over \$15,000; before 1st inspection
- ☐ Any other necessary documents requested (Floodplain Notice to Owner, etc...)

Notice of Compliance with SEER2 Requirements per Florida Building Code (Effective 1/1/2023)

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The system being installed in this application **must meet or exceed** the applicable SEER2 efficiency standards, ensuring compliance with the updated energy performance requirements.

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Columbia County, Florida Air Conditioner Replacement or Repair Application



**Scan QR Code to
complete application online.

For Office Use Only

Application # _____

Permit # _____

Comments/Notes _____

***This page not required for Online submissions.**

Applicant _____ Phone # _____
(person applying, not owner)

Applicant Address _____

Contact Email (updates sent here) _____

Owners Name _____ Phone # _____

Job Site Address _____

Contractors Name _____ Phone # _____

Contractors Address _____

Contractors Email _____

Parcel # ____ - ____ - ____ - ____ - ____

Estimated Cost of Job _____ ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

Type of Building _____ Exterior Equipment Location _____
(House, Mobile Home, Garage, Etc...) (Roof, Ground, Seer Pedestal, Wall, Etc...)

☐ Package Unit ☐ Split System Model _____ Seer _____

Description of Work _____

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CODE: Florida Building Code 2023 & National Electric Code 2020

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CODES: 2023 Florida Building Code 8th Edition and the 2020 National Electrical Code

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Recording Stamp



TAX ID/PARCEL #:

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby gives notice that improvements will be made to certain real property, and in accordance with Section 713.13 of the Florida Statutes, the following information is provided in this **NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT**.

1. **Description of property (legal description):** _____
a. Street (job) Address: _____
2. **General description of improvements:** _____
3. **Owner Information or Lessee information if the Lessee contracted for the improvements**
a. Name and Address: _____
b. Name and Address of fee simple titleholder (if other than owner): _____
c. Interest in property: _____
4. **Contractor Information**
a. Name and Address: _____
b. Telephone #: _____
5. **Surety Information (if applicable, a copy of the payment bond is attached)**
a. Name and Address: _____
b. Amount of Bond: _____
c. Telephone #: _____
6. **Lender**
a. Name and Address: _____
b. Telephone #: _____
7. **Person within the State of Florida designated by Owner upon whom notices, or other documents may be served as provided by Section 713.13(1)(a)7., Florida Statutes**
a. Name and Address: _____
b. Telephone #: _____
8. **In addition to himself or herself, Owner designates the following person to receive a copy of the Lienor's Notice as provided in Section 713.13(1)(b), Florida Statutes**
a. Name: _____
b. Telephone #: _____
9. **Expiration date of Notice of Commencement (the expiration date will be 1 year from the date of recording unless a different date is specified):** _____

WARNING TO OWNER: ANY PAYMENTS MADE BY THE OWNER AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT ARE CONSIDERED IMPROPER PAYMENTS UNDER CHAPTER 713, PART I, SECTION 713.13, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND CAN RESULT IN YOUR PAYING TWICE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR PROPERTY. A NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT MUST BE RECORDED AND POSTED ON THE SITE OF THE IMPROVEMENT BEFORE THE FIRST INSPECTION. IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN FINANCING, CONSULT WITH YOUR LENDER OR AN ATTORNEY BEFORE COMMENCING WORK OR RECORDING YOUR NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT.

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COLUMBIA COUNTY**

Signature of Owner or Lessee, or Owner's or Lessee's Authorized Officer/Director/Partner/Manager

Printed Name and Signatory's Title/Office

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☐ physical presence or sworn to (or affirmed) by ☐ online notarization _____ day of _____, _____, by _____
as _____ for _____
DATE MONTH YEAR NAME OF PERSON
TYPE OF AUTHORITY - OFFICER, TRUSTEE, ATTORNEY IN FACT NAME OF PART ON BEHALF OF WHOM INSTRUMENT WAS EXECUTED

Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____ Type of ID Produced _____
SEAL/STAMP: _____

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

PRINT, TYPE, OR STAMP COMMISSIONED NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

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Subcontractor Verification Form

APPLICATION/PERMIT # _____ JOB NAME _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED

Columbia County issues combination permits. One permit will cover all trades doing work at the permitted site. It is **REQUIRED** that we have records of the subcontractors who actually did the trade specific work under the General Contractor's permit.

NOTE: It shall be the responsibility of the general contractor to make sure that all of the subcontractors are licensed with the Columbia County Building Department.

NOTE: If this should change prior to completion of the project, it is your responsibility to have a corrected form submitted to our office, before that work has begun.

Violations will result in stop work orders and/or fines.

ELECTRICAL

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

MECHANICAL / A/C

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

PLUMBING / GAS

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

ROOFING

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

FIRE SYSTEM /
SPRINKLER

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

SOLAR

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

STATE SPECIALTY

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____
Company Name: _____ Owner ☐
License #: _____ Phone #: _____

OWNER BUILDER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

(Initial each section and sign)

Columbia County, Florida
Building Department
135 NE Hernando Avenue
Lake City, Florida 32055
Phone: 386-758-1008

Florida Statutes Chapter 489.103:

www.columbiacountyfla.com

_____ 1. I understand that state law requires construction to be done by a **licensed contractor** and have applied for an owner-builder permit under an exemption from the law. The exemption specifies that I, as the owner of the property listed, may act as my own contractor with certain restrictions even though I do not have a license.

_____ 2. I understand that building permits are not required to be signed by a property owner unless he or she is responsible for the construction and is not hiring a **licensed contractor** to assume responsibility.

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

_____ 4. I understand that I may build or improve a one-family or two-family residence or a farm outbuilding. I may also build or improve a commercial building if the costs do not exceed \$75,000. The building or residence **must be for my own use or occupancy**. It may not be built or substantially improved for sale or lease, unless I am completing the requirements of a building permit where the contractor listed on the permit substantially completed the project. If a building or residence that I have built or substantially improved myself is sold or leased within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that I built or substantially improved it for sale or lease, which violates the exemption.

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

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

_____ 7. I understand that it is a frequent practice of unlicensed persons to have the property owner obtain an owner-builder permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and materials. I, as an owner-builder, **may be held liable** and subjected to **serious financial risk** for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person on his or her employees while working on my property. My **homeowner'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 for injuries to workers on my property.

_____ 8. I understand that I may not delegate the responsibility for supervising work to a licensed contractor who is not licensed to perform the work being done. Any person working on my building who is not licensed must work under my direct supervision and must be employed by me, which means that I **must comply with laws requiring the withholding of federal income tax and social security contributions** under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) and **must provide workers' compensation** for the employee. I understand that my **failure to follow these laws may subject me to serious financial risk**.

_____ 9. I agree that, as the party legally and financially responsible for this proceed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws and requirements that govern owner-builders as well as employees. I also understand that the construction **must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, and zoning regulations**.

_____ 10. I understand that I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an employer from the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Small Business Administration, the Florida Department of Financial Services, and the Florida Department of Revenue. I also understand that I may **contact the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board** at 850-487-1395 or <http://www.myfloridalicense.com/> for more information about licensed contractors.

_____ 11. I am aware of, and consent to, an owner-builder building permit applied for in my name and understand that **I am the party legally and financially responsible** for the proposed construction activity at the following address:

(Address of jobsite property)

_____ 12. I agree to **notify Columbia County Building Department** immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of the information that I have provided on this disclosure. **Licensed contractors are regulated** by laws designed to protect the public. If you contract with a person who does not have a license, the Construction Industry Licensing Board and Department of Business and Professional Regulation may be **unable to assist you with any financial loss** that you sustain as a result of complaint. Your only remedy against an unlicensed contractor may be in civil court. It is also important for you to understand that, if an unlicensed contractor or employee of an individual or firm is injured while working on your property, you may be held **liable for damages**. If you obtain an owner-builder permit and wish to hire a licensed contractor, you will be responsible for **verifying whether the contractor is properly licensed** and the status of the contractor's workers' compensation coverage.

Florida Statutes Chapter 489.103:

_____ 13. State law requires electrical contracting to be done by **licensed electrical contractors**. You have applied for a permit under an exemption to that law. The exemption allows you, as the owner of your property, to act as your own electrical contractor even though you do not have a license. You may install electrical wiring for a farm outbuilding or a single-family or duplex residence. You may install electrical wiring in a commercial building the aggregate construction costs of which are under \$75,000. The home or building must be for your own use and occupancy. It **may not be built for sale or lease**, unless you are completing the requirements of a building permit where the contractor listed on the permit substantially completed the project. If you sell or lease more than one building you have wired yourself within 1 year after the construction is complete, the law will presume that you built it for sale or lease, which is a violation of this exemption. You **may not hire an unlicensed person** as your electrical contractor. Your construction shall be done according to **building codes and zoning regulations**. It is your responsibility to make sure that people employes by you have **licenses required by state law** and by county or municipal licensing ordinances.

_____ 14. An owner of property completing the requirements of a building permit, where the contractor listed on the permit **substantially completed the project** as determined by the local permitting agency, for a one-family or two-family residence, townhome, accessory structure of a one-family or two-family residence or townhome or individual residential condominium unit or cooperative unit. Prior to the owner qualifying for the exemption, the owner must receive approval from the local permitting agency, and the local permitting agency must determine that the contractor substantially completed the project. An owner who qualifies for the exemption under this paragraph is **not required to occupy** the dwelling or unit for at least 1 year after the completion of the project.

Before a building permit shall be issued, this notarized disclosure statement must be completed and signed by the property owner and returned to the local permitting agency responsible for issuing the permit.

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

____ *Single Family Dwelling* ____ *Two-Family Residence/Duplex*

____ *Addition / Alteration / Modification* ____ *Electrical*

____ *Contractor substantially complete project of a* _____

____ *Commercial -*

Cost of Construction _____ *for construction of* _____

I _____, have been advised of the above disclosure statement for exemption from contractor licensing as an owner/builder. I agree to comply with all requirements provided for in Florida Statutes allowing this exception for the construction permitted by Columbia County Building Department.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTARY OF OWNER BUILDER SIGNATURE

STATE OF _____

COUNTY _____

The foregoing instrument acknowledged before me by means of () physical presence or () online notarization, this ____ day _____ of 20____, by _____, who is () personally known to me or () has provided the following identification: _____

(Seal)

Notary Public Signature

Notary Printed Name