

AFFIDAVIT FOR ATTACHING A NEW STRUCTURE TO EXISTING STRUCTURE

(For use with Additions (or other structures) attached to existing structure)

**Columbia County, Florida
Building Department**
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Lake City, Florida 32055
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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Subject Property Address: _____
City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Company Name/Affiliation (if applicable): _____
Contractor License #: _____
Phone Number: _____ **(MUST BE CONTRACTOR OR OWNER IF OWNER BUILDER)**
Email Address (required): _____

GUIDELINES

1. If the structural components for the new structure are attached and anchored in any way to the host structure, the construction drawings must clearly indicate how the attachment/anchoring will be accomplished, in accordance with Columbia County LDRs and the Florida Building Code (FBC), as adopted by Columbia County.
2. Drawings must specify the size and type of the members of the host structure to which the new components are being attached, per Columbia County LDRs and FBC requirements.
3. Drawings must indicate the type, size, and spacing of all anchors/fasteners, as required by the FBC and local ordinances.
4. If the drawings are signed and sealed by a Florida licensed architect or engineer, that professional assumes responsibility for the new structure and the structural integrity of the host structure to which the new structure is connected, as required by Florida Statutes Chapter 471/481 and Columbia County LDRs.
5. If the drawings include a disclaimer from the architect/engineer stating that the property owner and/or contractor must verify the host structure's adequacy, then one of the following must be provided:
 - a. A signed/sealed document from a Florida licensed architect or engineer attesting that the host structure will support the additional loads, per FBC and Columbia County LDRs.
 - b. In lieu of 5a, the contractor may provide this Affidavit.

STATEMENT TO ATTEST

As the contractor for the proposed new structure at the above address, I have personally inspected, together with the property owner, those portions of the existing structure to which the new structure will be attached for structural support. I confirm that the drawings and details submitted with this permit application accurately represent the existing conditions of the host structure.

I have advised the property owner that, in my best judgment and based on my experience and knowledge of structural adequacy, the members of the existing structure to which the new structure will be attached are sound, free of rot or deterioration, and capable of supporting all imposed structural loads, in compliance with the Florida Building Code, Columbia County LDRs, and all applicable ordinances.

By signing below, I hereby declare that I will hold Columbia County, Florida, harmless and release it from any responsibility or liability for adverse consequences or failures resulting from this work. I further agree not to initiate or pursue any legal action against Columbia County, Florida, for such consequences or failures. I have read and understand this affidavit and the requirements for using an existing structure as support for a new addition.

I have read this complete form and understand the issues I may experience using an existing slab.

Contractor or Architect/Engineer or Owner's (if owner-builder) Signature

Contractor or Architect/Engineer or Owner's (if owner-builder) Printed Name

NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

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