

1. Section 110.R5.1.3.1 of the State Building Code, Sixth Edition (780 CMR) requires the licensing of construction supervisors involved in construction, reconstruction, alterations, repair, removal or demolition involving structural elements of a building.
2. Section 110.R5.1.3.1 of the State Building Code provides an exception for homeowners doing work on their owner-occupied dwellings of two units or less, allowing the homeowner to engage a person who does not have a license. In these cases, however, the owner must act as a supervisor.
3. The Inspectional Services Department, in accord with the Code, does hereby waive the requirement as indicated in Number 2 above, provided that:
 - A. The homeowner submits to the department at the time of application a certification showing the owner accepts the waiver with the full knowledge that the owner shall be responsible for all such work performed as described in the building permit.
 - B. The form for this certification is attached. Only this form will be accepted and must be fully completed and signed with countersignature of the responsible building official.
4. In order to clarify the administration of such waivers, homeowner is defined as follows:
 - A. A person or persons who owns a parcel of land on which he or she resides or intends to reside, and on which there is, or is intended to be, dwelling of two units or less and attached or detached structure accessory to such use.
 - B. A person or persons who constructs more than one home in a two-year period shall not be considered a homeowner.
5. It is expressly understood that any homeowner, in receiving the exemption as herein before described, shall assume all responsibility and be liable for the compliance of the building with the State Building Code, all other applicable codes and city ordinances, and shall operate consistent with the established minimum inspection procedures and requirements of the Inspectional Services Department.
6. The granting of the exemptions under this Bulletin does not imply or authorize similar waivers for electrical, plumbing or gas installations. Persons who are engaged in these installations must still have the proper license and make application for the proper permits.

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