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Homeowner Warning Notice

IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A BUILDING PERMIT AS A HOMEOWNER

AND ACTING AS YOUR OWN GENERAL CONTRACTOR:

- You will be personally responsible for all work on this project meets the Massachusetts State Building Code and the Town of Ipswich Bylaws and Protective Zoning Bylaws.
- You must supervise all work.
- You must call the Building Department to schedule all required building inspections.
- You must be present for all the building inspections.
- You have waived all rights to the Home Improvement Contractor Guaranty Fund (MGL 142A).
- You are the General Contractor of the project and a court of law will view you as such if you are sued, or if you should have the need to sue another party.
- Your subcontractors may lien your property.
- Any worker injured on your project may sue you if you or the company they work for does not carry Workers' Compensation Insurance.
- Failure to carry Workers' Compensation insurance may result in criminal penalties (MGL152 § 25).

THIS WARNING HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED BECAUSE WE HAVE FOUND THAT A MAJORITY OF THOSE CITIZENS WHO ACT AS THEIR OWN CONTRACTOR ARE NOT AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT GO ALONG WITH ASSUMING THE CONSTRUCTION RESPONSIBILITIES.