

Conclusion

As time passes and Building Codes continue to evolve it is more apparent than ever why the Building Codes exist. The building environment both during construction and after construction shall be kept safe from potential hazards. Our best defense to potential mishaps, lawsuits, injury, and even death is to follow the codes that are currently in place. Building Codes were not designed to frivolously control or monitor property owners rights to their freedom to provide shelter for their family rather help guide ones to build responsibly. Responsible building has evolved to include requirements based on research of past incidences and instances of Godly acts over the past 100 years. Probability of these instances occurring again, creating devastation to one or many are the main reason codes exist. In short, the monetary fee charged for a Building and Zoning Permit, is a small price to pay for the safety of all who work, live, visit, or reside nearby.

*Note: It is **strongly suggested** that the homeowner of the property, being built upon, acquire the required building permit **NOT** the contractor.*

***The homeowner is ultimately responsible for code compliance.** Homeowners should be aware of the state code, required documents, and inspections before construction.*

*Occupancy or use of a structure is **NOT permitted** until a final inspection has been conducted by the Building Codes Officer and a certificate of occupancy /compliance has been awarded.*