OVER-THE-COUNTER PERMIT APPLICATION
City of Atascadero
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permitcenter@atascadero.org

Rec’d By: _______________ 

Over-The-Counter Fees: 
WATER HEATER - $89.48 
OCCUPANCY - $210.00 
MINOR OTC - $214.96 
MAJOR OTC - $315.75 

Receipt No: 

Project Address: 
Project Description: 

All Over-the-Counter Replacements Must Be “Like for Like” Only

NOTE: All modifications to Manufactured Homes post installation, are to be permitted through HCD

☐ Electrical  ☐ Meter Upgrade _______AMPS to _______AMPS (<400 AMPS)  ☐ Window Replacement
☐ Plumbing Replacement  ☐ Wall Heater Replacement  ☐ Residential HVAC Unit Only Replacement (add. doc req.)
☐ Water Heater Replacement  ☐ Instantaneous Water Heater Replacement (gas line schematic + ½ hr. plan review)
☐ Stucco / Siding / Drywall / Deck Repairs  ☐ Fireplace Insert (manufacturer’s specifications + ½ hr. plan review)
☐ Demo Accessory Structure* (show native trees)  ☐ Sewer/Water/Gas Line Replacement*
☐ Septic Tank Replacement*  ☐ Temporary Power Pole* (signed affidavit required)
☐ This work will be conducted under the dripline of Native Trees*  

*SITE PLAN (2 copies) REQUIRED

☐ RE-ROOF: ☐ Tear off  or ☐ Overlay (one layer only);  ☐ Commercial  or  ☐ Residential

Roofing Material: __________________________ (Class A rating required)

OWNER:

ADDRESS: ____________________________ CITY: ________________ STATE: ________________ ZIP: ________________

PHONE #: ____________________________ E-MAIL: ____________________________

DECLARATION BY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICANT

By my signature below, I certify to each of the following:

I am ☐ a California licensed contractor ᵃ or ☐ the property owner ᵄ or ☐ authorized to act on the property owner’s behalf ᵅ

I have read this construction permit application and the information I have provided is correct. I agree to comply with all applicable City and County ordinances and State laws relating to building construction. I agree to pay all fees applicable to this permit for all services rendered and as permitted by the City of Atascadero Municipal Code and other authorized governing authorities. I authorize representatives of the City to enter the above-identified property for inspection purposes.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

1. Contractor’s Information Page Required; Property Owner information must be verified or proof (see #2) provided
2. Owner/Builder Declaration Page Required; Proof of ownership (examples: Grant Deed, Title Report, LLC documentation) may be required
3. Authorized Agent and Owner/Builder Declaration Page Required

NOTE: This form to be signed by the party accepting responsibility and to whom the permit will be issued

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The following Excerpts from the Atascadero Municipal Code are provided for your information:

**Validity of Permit.**
The issuance or granting of a permit or approval of plans, specifications and computations shall not be construed to be a permit for, or an approval of, any violation of any of the provisions of this code or of any other ordinance of the jurisdiction. Permits presuming to give authority to violate or cancel the provisions of the code or other ordinances of the jurisdiction shall not be valid.
The issuance of a permit based on plans, specifications and other data shall not prevent the Building Official from thereafter requiring the correction of errors in said plans, specifications and other data, or from preventing building operations being carried on thereunder when in violation of this code or any other ordinances of this jurisdiction.

**Permit Expiration.**
All permits approved by the Building Official shall be issued and work commenced within 180 days of approval date or permit will be declared expired by these limitations. Every permit issued by the Building Official under the provisions of this code shall expire by limitations and become null and void if the building or work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned at any time after the permit is issued for a period of 180 days. Before such work can be recommenced, a reinstated permit shall first be obtained to do so. The fee therefore shall be half (½) the amount required for a new permit for such work, provided no changes have been made or will be made in the original plans and specifications for such work; and provided further that such suspension or abandonment has not exceeded 180 days. In order to renew action on an expired permit after 180 days, the permittee shall submit new plans and pay new plan check fees and full permit fees.

**Failure to request and receive an inspection within 180 days from the LAST CITY RECORDED INSPECTION constitutes a condition of suspension or abandonment.**

**Expiration of Plan Review.**
Applications for which no permit is issued within 180 days following the date of application shall expire by limitation, and plans and other data submitted for review may thereafter be returned to the applicant or destroyed by the Building Official. The Building Official may extend the time for action by the applicant for a period not exceeding 180 days upon request by the applicant, in writing, showing that circumstances beyond the control of the applicant have prevented action from being taken.

**Investigation.**
Whenever any work for which a permit is required by this code has been commenced without first obtaining said permit, a special investigation shall be made before a permit may be issued for such work. Investigative fees will be assessed as stated in the Atascadero Municipal Code.

**PLAN REVIEW FEE(S) / PERMIT FEE(S) / SERVICES FEE(S) DECLARATION**

**PERMIT EXPIRATION / ABANDONMENT:** I understand that if this permit application is Abandoned in any way or if this permit application is Expired by Limitations I shall be responsible for all plan check fees and all other fees for services associated with this permit application that were provided by the City of Atascadero prior to abandonment or expiration.

**PERMIT ISSUANCE:** I understand that there may be additional fees due at time of permit issuance in addition to the plan check fee(s) that were paid when I submitted my permit application. Contact the Building Department for additional information.

(Contractors ONLY) As the licensed contractor for this permit, I am aware it is my responsibility to explain and make aware to the Property Owner these limitations and inspection requirements.

I have read and understand the information provided on this document. A copy of this form will be provided by request.

_______________________________________    ________________
DATE               PROPERTY OWNER OR GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Owner-BUILDER FACTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHAT IS AN OWNER-BUILDER?: Any individual or group of individuals who own the property on which they plan to construct, alter, repair, improve, or remodel a building or structure.

IS AN OWNER-BUILDER REQUIRED TO HAVE A CONTRACTOR’S LICENSE?: No, an Owner-BUILDER is exempt from licensing if they meet ALL of the following criteria:

• The Owner-BUILDER does all of the work him/herself or through his/her own paid employees
  o Homeowners are required to have resided in the residence for at least 12 months prior to the completion of work
  o The structure cannot be intended for sale
  o The Owner-BUILDER exemption has not been taken on more than two structures in a three-year period
• The Owner-BUILDER contracts solely with a General Building “B” licensed contractor or appropriately licensed subcontractors

CAN AN OWNER-BUILDER APPLY TO BUILD SPEC HOMES?: Yes, if all they meet ALL of the following criteria:

• All work is performed by appropriately licensed subcontractors; limit four houses per calendar year
• A “B” licensed General Contractor is contracted to complete or subcontract all the work; no limit on number of houses
• The Owner-BUILDER performs the work and resides in the home for at least one year after occupancy has been granted; limit two residences in a three-year period

ARE THERE ANY TRADES AN OWNER-BUILDER CANNOT PERFORM?: Yes, Well-drilling must be completed by a “C-57” licensed contractor

OWNER-BUILDER RESPONSIBILITIES:

• An Owner-BUILDER accepts the responsibility for all phases of the project to be completed per approved plan, applicable Codes, and pass all required inspections
• Owner-BUILDER assumes the responsibility of making sure all labor and material costs are paid
• An Owner-BUILDER is responsible for supervising, scheduling, and paying subcontractors. An Owner-BUILDER may be considered an “Employer” if anyone besides an appropriately licensed subcontractor is hired to complete the work
  o Employers must register with the State and Federal Governments and are obligated to participate in State and Federal Income Tax withholding, Federal Social Security taxes, Workers’ Compensation insurance, Disability Insurance costs, and unemployment compensation contributions

For more information about Owner-BUILDER, see §7044 of the Business and Professions Code or http://www.cslb.ca.gov/Consumers/Know_Risks_Of_Owner_-__Builder/

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that I am exempt from the Contractors’ State License Law for the following reason(s) indicated below by the checkmark(s) I have placed next to the applicable item(s) (Sec. 7031.5, Business and Professions Code: Any city or county which requires a permit to construct, alter, improve, demolish, or repair any structure, prior to its issuance, also requires the applicant for such permit to file a signed statement that he or she is licensed pursuant to the provisions of the Contractors’ State License Law (Chapter 9 commencing with Section 7000) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code) or that he or she is exempt from licensure and the basis for the alleged exemption. Any violation of Section 7031.5 by any applicant for a permit subjects the applicant to a civil penalty of not more than five hundred dollars ($500)).:

☐ I, as owner of the property, or my employees with wages as their sole compensation, will do ☐ all of or ☐ portions of the work, and the structure is not intended or offered for sale.
☐ I, as owner of the property, am exclusively contracting with licensed contractors to construct the project
☐ I am exempt from licensure under the Contractors’ State License Law for the following reason:

By my signature below I acknowledge that, except for my personal residence in which I must have resided for at least one year prior to completion of the improvements covered by this permit, I cannot legally sell a structure that I have built as an owner-builder if it has not been constructed in its entirety by licensed contractors. I understand that a copy of the applicable law, Section 7044 of the Business and Professions Code, is available upon request when this application is submitted or at the following web site:
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html

PROPERTY OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT SIGNATURE: ___________________________ DATE: ___________________
Dear Property Owner:

A building permit application has been submitted in your name listing yourself as the builder of the property improvements located at: __________________________. We are providing you with an Owner-Builder Acknowledgment and Information Verification Form to make you aware of your responsibilities and possible risk you may incur by having this permit issued in your name as the Owner-Build. We will not issue a building permit until you have read, initialed your understanding of each provision, signed, and returned this form to us at our official address indicated. An agent of the owner cannot execute this notice unless you, the property owner, obtain the prior approval of the permitting authority.

DIRECTIONS: Read and initial each statement below to signify you understand or verify this information.

1. I understand a frequent practice of unlicensed persons is to have the property owner obtain an “Owner-Build” building permit that erroneously implies that the property owner is providing his or her own labor and material personally. I, as an Owner-Build, may be held liable and subject to serious financial risk for any injuries sustained by an unlicensed person and 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-Build and am aware of the limits of my insurance coverage for injuries to workers on my property.

2. I understand building permits are not required to be signed by property owners unless they are responsible for the construction and are not hiring a licensed Contractor to assume this responsibility.

3. I understand as an “Owner-Build” I am the responsible party of record on the 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.

4. I understand Contractors are required by law to be licensed and bonded in California and to list their license numbers on permits and contracts.

5. I understand that I am responsible for supervising, scheduling, and paying subcontractors. If I use anyone other than a licensed contractor or subcontractor for work, I may be considered an “employer” under state and federal law.

6. I understand if I am considered an “employer” under state and federal law, I must register with the state and federal government, withhold payroll taxes, provide workers’ compensation disability insurance, and contribute to unemployment compensation for each “employee.” I also understand my failure to abide by these laws may subject me to serious financial risk.

7. I understand under California Contractors’ State License Law, an Owner-Build who builds single-family residential structures cannot legally build them with the intent to offer them for sale, unless all work is performed by licensed subcontractors and the number of structures does not exceed four within any calendar year, or all of the work is performed under contract with a licensed general building Contractor.

8. I understand as an Owner-Build if I sell the property for which this permit is issued, I may be held liable for any financial or personal injuries sustained by any subsequent owner(s) that result from any latent construction defects in the workmanship or materials.

9. I understand I may obtain more information regarding my obligations as an “employer” from the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Small Business Administration, the California Department of Benefit Payments, and the California Division of Industrial Accidents. I also understand I may contact the California Contractors’ State License Board (CSLB) at 1-800-321-CLSB (2752) or www.cslb.ca.gov for more information about licensed contractors.

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

11. I agree that, as the party legally and financially responsible for this proposed construction activity, I will abide by all applicable laws and requirements that govern Owner-Builders as well as employers.

12. I agree to notify the issuer of this form immediately of any additions, deletions, or changes to any of the information I have provided on this form. Licensed contractors are regulated by laws designed to protect the public. If you contract with someone who does not have a license, the Contractors’ State License Board may be unable to assist you with any financial loss you may sustain as a result of a complaint. Your only remedy against unlicensed Contractors may be in civil court. It is also important for you to understand that if an unlicensed Contractor or employee of the individual or firm is injured while working on your property, you may be held liable for damages. If you obtain a permit as Owner-Build and wish to hire Contractors, you will be responsible for verifying whether or not those Contractors are properly licensed and the status of their workers’ compensation insurance coverage.

Before a building permit can be issued, this form must be completed and signed by the property owner and returned to the agency responsible for issuing the permit. Note: A copy of the property owner’s driver’s license, form notarization, or other verification acceptable to the agency is required to be presented when the permit is issued to verify the property owner’s signature.

Signature of Property Owner: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Disclosures & Forms for Owner-Builders Applying for Construction Permits

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 2335, Effective January 1, 2009