

## **General Contractor and Owner/Builder Responsibilities**

### **Who is responsible for applying for a permit?**

The permit shall be applied for by the general contractor, the qualifier, or a company officer. When the general contractor exemption is applied for, the permit shall only be applied for by the person using the exemption.

### **Who is responsible for signing and picking up a permit?**

The permit shall be signed at the time of issuance by the general contractor, the qualifier, or a company officer. When the general contractor exemption is applied for, the permit shall only be signed by the person using the exemption.

General Statute 87-14(a)(1)

### **Who is responsible for amending existing permits?**

The permit shall be amended by the general contractor, the qualifier, or a company officer. When the general contractor exemption is applied for, the permit shall only be amended by the person using the exemption.

### **Who is responsible for requesting inspections?**

General construction inspections: general contractor or authorized foreman; only the exempted contractor when using the exemption.

Electrical, plumbing, mechanical and gas piping: licensed sub-contractors only  
Exempted contractors shall be on site for their inspections (unless plans are design professional sealed).

### **What designates a general contractor?**

N.C. general contractor license

Management of the entire construction project

Supervision of all sub-contractors

Bill payment to sub-contractors and material suppliers

Control of timing and inspections

Accountability for workers' compensation insurance coverage

### **What designates an owner/builder?**

Record landowner

Owner solely resides in the building for at least 12 months after completion

Management of the entire construction project

Supervision of all sub-contractors

On site for all their inspections (unless plans are sealed by a design professional)

Bill payment to sub-contractors and material suppliers

Control of timing and inspections

Accountability for workers' compensation insurance coverage

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