

ORDINANCE 2003-Or-___
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**Amending Title 5, Chapter 89 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Permits and Certificates of Occupancy.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 89.30 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

89.30. Owner-occupant permits. ~~When a qualified owner-occupant applies for a permit regulated by Chapters 99, 101, 103 and 105 and Article IX of Chapter 509 of this Code, the director of inspections shall inquire of the applicant or the authorized member of the applicant's family as to the applicant's knowledge and skills to perform such work for which the permit is requested and the director of inspections may refuse to issue permits for any such work to any person whom the inspector has reason to believe cannot safely and adequately perform such work or which work involves any special hazards. Further, the inspector may stop any work under such permit as provided by section 93.20. Any person aggrieved as to any action regarding the denial of any permit or other action regarding such permit may appeal to the housing board of appeals as provided by Chapter 242 of this Code.~~ (a) An owner-occupant of a single-family detached dwelling or single-family attached dwelling may apply for a permit to perform work specified in subsection (b) of this section on the premises of the dwelling. Such permits shall be exempt from the licensure requirements of this Code. In order to obtain a permit under this section, the owner-occupant must currently reside in the dwelling or intend to occupy and reside in the dwelling immediately following completion and approval of the work for which the owner-occupant permit is sought. Additionally, legally established and discernable property lines must separate the owner-occupant's dwelling from all adjacent dwellings and structures. Any dwelling for which a permit is issued under this section shall have separate electric, gas, water, and other similar services connected to the dwelling. If such a service is shared with any other dwelling or structure, an owner-occupant may not obtain a permit under this section to perform work involving the shared service. For purposes of this section, a shared service means a service that may be lawfully controlled or influenced through an adjacent property. Upon satisfactory submission and review of all required information, and compliance with all required provisions of this Code, an owner-occupant permit shall be issued. Owner-occupant permits issued based on false or misleading information submitted by the applicant are not valid, or refundable.

(b) Work for which an owner-occupant permit may be issued pursuant to this section includes work regulated by Chapters 99, 101, and 105 of this Code. An owner-occupant permit may also be issued for work that may be done by a journeyman plumber/gasfitter as defined in Section 278.10 and regulated by Chapter 103 of this Code.

Section 2. That Section 89.120 of the above-entitled ordinance be deleted:

~~**89.120. When permits not required.** No permit shall be required for the construction, alteration or repair of buildings owned by the United States. Permits shall not be required for repairs and alterations to any building or structure the total cost of which will not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), but such repairs or alterations for which permits are not required shall not be construed to include the changing of any structural part of the building or the alteration, removal or closing of any stairway or exit, or the altering of any chimney or heating plant, the changing from one group or subgroup to another group or subgroup, the changing of the number of tenantable units in any group or subgroup of the building, or the construction of any addition to any building. The cost figure as set out in this section shall not be construed to apply to plumbing, electrical or mechanical work for which a permit is otherwise required.~~