## SELF-CERTIFICATION BUILDING PERMIT PROGRAM MANUAL

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#### **SECTION 101 GENERAL**

The City of Tulsa through its Development Services Department (DSD) provides a self-certification permitting option for customers. Most projects are eligible for self-certification submittals. Complete submittals will enable issuance of at-risk permits. THE ACT OF ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION APPROVALS IS NOT AN AFFIRMATION THAT THE PROJECT IS CODE-COMPLIANT AS CERTIFIED BY THE PROFESSIONAL BUT RATHER RELIES ON THAT SELF-CERTIFICATION OF CODE COMPLIANCE. The terms "certify", "certification", and its variants in the context of this Program of Self-certification require that the documents be submitted by the approved professional for code compliance in accordance with the prevailing standards of professional due care for similar projects, the "standard of care", at the time of self-certification. Self-certification does not state or imply a guarantee or warranty of code compliance but is rather a statement of professional opinion.

Prior to filing a self-certification application for the building permit, all projects shall have first received prerequisite Zoning Clearance Permit; Water/Sewer/Drainage-Storm water (WSD) Permit; Infrastructure Development Process (IDP) approval; floodplain development approval; and Health Department approval. Other applicable permits and approvals such as from a state and federal agency may also be prerequisite depending on the uniqueness of the Project.

Submittals shall be in the format and forms as prescribed by City of Tulsa. These forms may be updated from time to time. It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to check the City of Tulsa webpage for the latest date-stamped version to ensure that the current forms are used. Outdated forms will not be accepted. The forms and checklists act as a guide to the application process and are not intended to be and shall not be used by the applicant as a technical guide to produce a code-compliant design and construction.

Self-certified projects shall be subject to City of Tulsa regular inspection procedures. Separate mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection trade permits are required as applicable to the project. Fire protection systems shall not be self-certified and shall be reviewed and permitted by the City. The City reserves the right to audit any self-certified project. Violations, discovered at any time prior to construction, during construction, or after final inspection, shall be corrected at the developer's cost within a reasonable time frame. Non-compliance, if not rectified, shall render the project to be denied occupancy and use, and subject to demolition abatement if imminently dangerous and hazardous to life safety, health, and welfare.

THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS SELF-CERTIFICATION AND PEER REVIEW TO VERIFY AND CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE CONSTRUCTION CODES OF THE CITY OF TULSA. ONE OR MORE APPROVED PROFESSIONALS MAY BE UTILIZED TO CERTIFY CODE COMPLIANCE REGARDING THE DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES INVOLVED IN A BUILDING DESIGN. PARTICIPATING PROFESSIONALS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE PROFESSIONAL BOARDS OF LICENSURE AS TO THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SELF-CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. THE CITY OF TULSA OFFERS NO OPINION REGARDING A PROFESSIONAL'S COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD REGULATIONS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM.

#### SECTION 102 DEFINITIONS

Words and terms used herein that are not expressly defined in this Manual may already be defined in law, and in the development and construction codes and ordinances of City of Tulsa, and are valid in the understanding of this Manual. Words and terms used in this Manual that are not expressly defined in this Manual or the codes and ordinances have the meaning given in the latest edition of *Merriam-Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*. Technical and industry terms used herein that are not expressly defined may also be understood as commonly interpreted in the industry parlance. Nothing in this Manual that is lacking in definition clarity and interpretation is intended to be an opportunity to obfuscate and corrupt the administrative intentions of this Program to issue building permits based on self-certification of code compliance by an approved professional.

**Agent** A person authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity concerning a construction project.

**Applicant** A person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, acting personally or as an agent, desiring to construct, alter, replace or repair any building or structure located on real property and making application for a building permit.

**Approved Professional** A professional architect, landscape architect or engineer licensed or registered with the respective licensing authority regulating such profession in the State of Oklahoma, in good standing with such licensing authority.

Building Code The current International Building Code adopted and amended by City of Tulsa.

**Building Official** The official or his/her designee authorized to administer and enforce the Building Code.

**Contractor** The person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, engaged in any aspect of construction of a building or structure or part thereof, including associated site improvements.

**Developer** A person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that is either an owner of real property or the owner of an existing building or other improvement which is or which will be the subject of a permitted construction Project, or under contract with the owner thereof to commence and complete a particular construction Project or improvement to real property.

**Fee** The charge to Applicants for permits issued by City of Tulsa as provided in Title 49 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Tulsa.

**Lessee** A person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that has the right to the use and occupancy of real property or a building, or a part thereof, pursuant to a written lease,

according to the terms of such lease.

**Manual** This document outlining the self-certification building permit issuance program.

**Ordinance** A legislative act of the City Council of the City of Tulsa which has become effective in accordance with the Amended Charter of the City of Tulsa.

**Owner, Building** A person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity possessing an ownership interest in a building or other structure.

**Owner, Project** A person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity, possessing, or who/which will acquire an ownership interest in real property or a building or other structure upon completion of a project.

**Owner, Property** A person, firm, entity, or other legal entity possessing an ownership interest in real property.

**Permit** Permission by City of Tulsa to perform construction, alteration, repair, or activities within the limits of City of Tulsa or within its jurisdictional control, as required by Ordinance.

**Program** This administrative program to issue a building permit based on self-certification by an Approved Professional, as authorized by *Part 2 - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT* of the International Building Code, as amended from time to time.

**Project** An organized undertaking at a specific location to complete pre-determined objectives for the planning, design, construction, repair, improvement or expansion of buildings or facilities, as detailed in construction plans, specifications and other related documents.

**Self-certification** An official determination and declaration by an Approved Professional that the plans, specifications and other construction documents for a project for which a building permit is sought is by application of the standard of due care, code-compliant; and upon such certification, that the City of Tulsa may rely to issue a building permit and conduct inspections without the City of Tulsa having reviewed such plans, specifications and other construction documents for code compliance. The Approved Professional so certifying shall bear the legal responsibility for compliance with the construction codes.

**Special Inspections** Field inspections of certain aspects of a construction project, non-structural and structural in nature, in accordance with Chapter 17 of the International Building Code, requiring special qualified expertise.

**TRO** Tulsa Revised Ordinances (City of Tulsa).

#### SECTION 103 PROJECT WORK FLOW

#### Step 1 - Prerequisite approvals

Developer completes the following and receives permits or approvals:

Zoning Clearance Permit (ZCP)

Water/Sewer/Drainage-Storm water (WSD) Permit (on-site infrastructure development)

Infrastructure Development Process (IDP) approval (privately financed public infrastructure)

Floodplain Development approval

City-County Health Department approval

Any other applicable approvals, specific to the project

#### Step 2 - File self-certification building permit application

Developer completes the following: Checklist of prerequisite permits and approvals Self-certified building permit application form Submits checklist items including application form Pays application fee

#### Step 3 - Self-certification application processing

Staff completes the following:
Verify submittal is complete
Verify self-certification is valid
Enter project data into permitting system
Stamp City approval of plans
Compute permit fees and notify applicant

#### SECTION 104 PREREQUISITE APPROVALS

For any given project, one or more of the following permits or approvals may be applicable. Where applicable, they are prerequisite to the filing of a self-certified building permit application. If any required permit or approval has not been obtained, the project developer must contact the corresponding office to file the relevant application. The prerequisite permits or approvals shall then be submitted with the self-certification application. Self-certification applications will not be accepted if lacking any pre-requisite.

#### Zoning Clearance Permit (ZCP)

This includes all zoning actions, platting, and historic preservation approvals. Zoning Clearance Permit applications are filed at the Permit Center, 175 E 2nd St, Suite 455, Tulsa OK 74103.

#### Water/Sewer/Drainage-Storm water (WSD) Permit

This includes approvals for on-site infrastructure such as grading, utilities, and storm water drainage. Certain aspects of this approval may require additional trade permits to execute the field work, although these subsequent trade permits are not prerequisite to filing a self-certification application. WSD applications are filed at the Permit Center, 175 E 2nd St, Suite 455, Tulsa OK 74103.

#### <u>Infrastructure Development Process (IDP) Approval</u>

Any privately funded public infrastructure improvement associated with a project shall have an IDP approval prior to submitting a self-certified building permit application. IDP work consists of privately financed public infrastructure which is subsequently accepted for public ownership and maintenance. IDP applications are processed at the Permit Center, 175 E 2nd St, Suite 455, Tulsa OK 74103.

#### Floodplain Development Approval

Any project located in areas prone to flooding shall have approved plans compliant with FEMA and City of Tulsa regulations and guidelines. Flood elevation data (not elevation certificate) may be obtained by calling 311 for Customer Care Center. Floodplain development applications are filed at the Permit Center, 175 E 2nd St, Suite 455, Tulsa OK 74103.

#### City-County Health Department Approval

Projects with public food-related services require Health Department approval. The applicant must submit the Health Department-approved plans as part of the record of prerequisites. Health Department applications are filed at 5051 S 129th E Ave, Tulsa OK 74134.

#### **SECTION 105 GENERAL FORMS**

A self-certified building permit application shall be submitted with the following forms. Incomplete forms will not be received or processed. Where particular information requested on a form is not applicable, the applicant shall note that it is not applicable.

### CITY OF TULSA SELF-CERTIFICATION PROJECT CHECKLIST

<u>Prere</u>	<u>quisites</u>			Not Applicable
[]	Zoning Clearance P	[]		
[]	Approved Stamped	[]		
[]		_	rmwater (WSD) Permit	[]
[]	Approved Stamped			[]
[]			evelopment Process (IDP) Plans and Details	[]
[]			opment Site Plans and Details	[]
[]			unty Health Department drawings	[]
[]	Other			[]
	Checked by Self-Ce	ertificatio	on Professional:	(Name)
	FOR CITY USE:	[]	Prerequisites Complete	
		[]	Prerequisites Incomplete	
Appli	cation Documents			Not Applicable
[]	All Prerequisite Per	rmits and	d Approvals	[]
[]			d Building Permit & Occupancy	[]
[]	Statement of Self-c	ertificati	ion	[]
[]	Project Data			[]
[]	Statement of Speci	al Inspec	ctions	[]
[]	Self-Certified Draw	ings; eac	ch sheet stamped and signed	[]
[]	Self-Certified Speci	fications	Manual; stamped and signed	[]
[]	Application Fee Pay	yment (B	sy Check or Account)	[]
	Checked by Self-Ce	ertificatio	on Professional:	(Name)
	FOR CITY USE:	[]	Application Documents Complete	
		[]	Application Documents Incomplete	
PERM	IIT CENTER USE ONL	<u>Y</u> :		
[]	Application may pr			
[]	Application fee to b	be paid is	s \$	
	Checked by Permit	t And Lic	ense Specialist:	(Name)

# CITY OF TULSA APPLICATION for SELF-CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT and CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

City Account No. (if available)	A/P N	lo. (By Staff):	
No. of Sets No. of Drawings	No. of Pages of Specification		
Legal description of project property: LOT (Attach if metes and bounds) Project Address			
PROJECT DEVELOPER NAME:			
Address			
Email		Fax	
Cell Phone		Office Phone	
SELF-CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL NAME:			
Profession: [] Architect [] Landscape A	rchitect	[] Engineer	
Oklahoma Professional Registration No.		Expiration Date	
Address			
Email		Fax	
Cell Phone		Office Phone	
Declared Valuation of Work (Includes System			
\$ Type of Work: [			
[] Shell Build-Out [] Addition [] Alteration	•	•	
[] FEMA/ICC Storm Shelter [] Other			
Use: [] A-1 [] A-2 [] A-3 [] A-4 [] A-5 [		F-1 []F-2 []I-1 []I-2 []I-3 []I-4	
[]M []R-1 []R-2 []R-3 []R-4 []S-1 [			
[] Single-Family Residence [] Other			
Fire Sprinkler: [] NFPA 13 [] NFPA 13R [			
Fire Alarm: [] Yes [] No Standpip			
Sexually Oriented Business: [] Yes [] No		_	
Building Contains Asbestos: [] Yes [] No	-	-	
ABLE License Required: [] Type of License(s)			
Is City of Tulsa Taking Any Enforcement Acti		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Describe Enforcement Action:			
APPLICANT CONTACT PERSON:			
Address			
Email		Fax	
Cell Phone		Office Phone	

### CITY OF TULSA APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

I certify that	I am one of the following:						
[]	Owner of the Property on which	permitted work is to be p	erformed				
[]	Lessee of the Property on which permitted work is to be performed						
[]	Agent, of the Property Owner or Lessee, for the permitted work						
[]	Consultant Architect, Landscape	Architect or Engineer, for	the permitted work				
[]	Not applicable						
Owner or Le	est that I am the Property Owner, lessee, or a Consultant Architect, La HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO FILE this	ndscape Architect or Engin	eer, as indicated				
For Agent O			D				
[ ]	I have attached an Affidavit of A	gency from the Property (	Dwner				
Name							
Address							
Cell Phone		Office Phone					
		y Commission Expires					
	AFFIDAVITS as to EASEMENTS, [	DEDICATIONS, and RIGHTS	OF WAY				
l,	, Being	Duly Sworn Upon Oath, S	tate: That I have				
and instrum pursuant to and rights of application f acknowledg	ents relating to said real property of the building permit being applied of f way are known to me and are dele for a building permit, for new const e that issuance of a building perminate over or upon any easement	upon which an improveme for; and that all recorded e ineated on the plot plan w truction and/or addition to t does not authorize or pe	ent will be constructed easements, dedications which is a part of the o an existing building. I rmit construction of a				
Applicant Si	gnature:	Date:					
NOTARY PU	BLIC						
	and Sworn to Before Me this	Day of	20,				
	M	y Commission Expires					

# CITY OF TULSA SELF-CERTIFICATION PERMIT APPLICATION STATEMENT OF SELF-CERTIFICATION

Legal description of project property: LOT BLOCK (Attach if metes and bounds)  Project Address	ADDITION
SELF-CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL NAME:	
Profession: [] Architect [] Landscape Architect	[] Engineer
Oklahoma Professional Registration No.	Expiration Date
Address	
Email	Fax
EmailCell Phone	Office Phone
DECLARATION AND STAT	<b>TEMENT</b>
I, the undersigned, a registered professional in good stan make this statement of self-certification, wherein each of professional opinion and is neither a warranty nor a guar	ertification is an expression of a
I hereby certify that the proposed improvement reflected for this project is by application of the standard of professible 51 Tulsa Revised Ordinances and other associated of applicable local, state and federal laws; currently in force Tulsa may rely upon this certification to issue a building property of the codes without a design documents by City of Tulsa (Initial)	ssional due care in conformance with ordinances and codes; and all other e in City of Tulsa; and further, City of oermit which this project will receive at
The design documents were prepared by me, OR under r supervision, OR reviewed by me. Further, I declare and c application of the standard of professional due care com and standards now current in City of Tulsa and State of C this permit application and design documents are true ar corrections of any drafting or scrivener's errors (notes)	ertify that the design documents are by pliant with the laws, ordinances, codes oklahoma; that all design information in a correct; and I will make timely
For purposes of clear identification, I have stamped ever- certify, with the City-approved stamp of self-certification specification manual with the said stamp. I understand the am the design professional for documents that I am not except that the stamp solely bears my professional state self-certification as required by this self-certification prog	L. I have also stamped any associated his stamp is not a representation that I registered under the State to practice; ment of code compliance under my

I further agree to stamp all and any design docidentification stamp of self-certification that re		
relied on by the City to issue the building perm		
I acknowledge that the City relies on my declar project to issue a building permit and conduct be audited; and is subject to inspections and collaws, ordinances, codes and standards. This control to benefit any other perfor another purpose or by any other person for	inspections. Further, orrection at any point ertification is solely foerson. It is non-transferson.	I agree that the project may in time to comply with the or the benefit of the City of erable and may not be used
I agree that inspections, while verifying in general design documents, are not vetting my statements inspection approvals do not in any way diministration the self-certification (Initial	ent of code compliand sh or relieve me of the	e; and further, that
I agree that trade permits issued for the comp and self-certification of the design documents professional standard of due care integrated a trade permits as incorporated into my building	as code compliant; hand accounted for all b	aving by application of the building systems under the
Further, I understand and acknowledge that Ci building permit issued pursuant to my self-cer to appeal as provided in the ordinances of the	tification for good cau	_
Self-Certification Professional Signature: Professional Seal:		Date:
NOTARY PUBLIC		
Subscribed and Sworn to Before Me this	Day of	20,
M	ly Commission Exnires	•

## CITY OF TULSA SELF-CERTIFICATION PERMIT APPLICATION PROJECT DATA

Legal description of project property: LOT BLOCK ADDITION (Attach if metes and bounds)  Project Address				
Self-Certification Pro	fessional name:			
Self-Certification Pro Professional Seal:	fessional signature: Date:			
BUILDING CODE FOR	PROJECT:			
[] B [] E [] F-1 [] M [] R-1 [] S-1 [] U [] Sin	Notes:			
USE SEPARATION:	[] Single Use Notes:			
CONSTRUCTION:	[] IA [] IB Notes: [] IIA [] IIB Notes: [] IIIA [] IIIB Notes: [] IV Notes: [] VA [] VB Notes: [] Other Notes:			

#### **AREA SUMMARY**:

<u>Level</u>	Gross S	<u>Square</u>	<u>Feet</u>	<u>Notes</u>				
Basement 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor (exp Roof		as need						 king Tier
HEIGHT SUM	MARY:							
Basement Building Heigl Mezzanine Penthouse	ht	<u>Feet</u>		Story		Notes		
FIRE SEPARAT	TION AN	D COM	1PARTN	/IENT R	ATINGS:			
Building Elem	<u>ient</u>	Rating	(Hour)	Notes				Not applicable
Horizontal Ass Fire wall Fire Barrier Fire Partition Smoke Barrie Smoke Partiti Floor-Ceiling Roof-Ceiling Exit Passagew Stair Enclosur Elevator Shaft Elevator Roor Laundry/Trasl Atrium Chase Other	r on vay re t m h							[] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [
FIRE AREA OC	CCUPAN	CY ANI	SIGNS	<b>5</b> :				
Use Group  (expand list a:	Room I			<u>sf)</u>	# of Pe		nt Load Max O	equired d:
(EXPAILO IIST 9)	s 116606(	<i>1</i> )						

FIRE PROTECTION:		
Fully Sprinklered	[] NFPA 13 [] NFPA 13D [] NFPA 13R [] ESFR [] Hood [] Other -	
Partially Sprinklered	Describe -	
Standning	[] Yes [] No [] Dry [] Wet	
STATEMENT OF SPEC		

Attach list. (City of Tulsa sample Statement of Inspections list)

#### **SECTION 106 SELF-CERTIFICATION STAMPS**

#### **GENERAL**

As a minimum, each sheet of self-certified drawing, and any specification manual, shall be individually stamped, bearing the following information, and initialed by the self-certification professional. A separate stamp text is provided for engineers in compliance with current State law governing the licensure of engineers.

Electronic stamps are acceptable.

STAMP	
I, being duly registered as a Professional	
blank] in the State of Oklahoma and in good standing, hereby certify <b>F OF CERTIFICATION OF CODE COMPLIANCE</b> under the terms of the City	
certification Program, that this Construction Document has been prepmy direct control and personal supervision, <b>OR</b> reviewed by me, and I Construction Document depicts a proposed construction that by appli of professional due care complies with the currently applicable laws, o standards for the design, construction, and declared occupancy of this of Tulsa.	ared by me, <b>OR</b> under certify that this cation of the standard rdinances, codes, and
This certification is solely for the benefit of the City of Tulsa without in other person. It is non-transferable and may not be used for another person for any purpose. "Certification" and "certify" as used herein is a professional opinion and is neither a warranty nor a guarantee.	ourpose or by another
Signed:	
Date:	

SEAL

#### PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER'S STAMP

I, being duly-licensed as a professional engineer in the State of Oklahoma and in good standing, hereby certify **FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF CERTIFICATION OF CODE COMPLIANCE**, under the terms of the City of Tulsa Self-Certification Program for Plan Review, that this Construction Document has been prepared by me, **OR** under my direct control and personal supervision, and the work is within my area(s) of competence as listed in the official records of the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. I further certify that this Construction Document depicts a proposed construction that by application of the standard of professional due care complies with the currently-applicable laws, ordinances, codes and standards for the design, construction, and declared occupancy of this Project within the city of Tulsa.

This certification is solely for the benefit of the City of Tulsa without intention to benefit any other person. It is non-transferable and may not be used for another purpose or by another person for any purpose. "Certification" and "certify" as used herein, is an expression of a professional opinion and is neither a warranty nor a guarantee.

Signed:	 	 	
Date:			

SEAL