LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1998
CHAPTER 439

The **general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 125** to read as follows:

. 125. ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS. NO CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE SHALL ISSUE A BUILDING PERMIT WITHOUT OBTAINING FROM THE PERMIT APPLICANT EITHER:

1. PROOF DULY SUBSCRIBED THAT WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND DISABILITY BENEFITS COVERAGE ISSUED BY AN INSURANCE CARRIER IN A FORM SATISFACTORY TO THE CHAIR OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION FIFTY-SEVEN OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW IS EFFECTIVE; OR

2. AN AFFIDAVIT THAT SUCH PERMIT APPLICANT HAS NOT ENGAGED AN EMPLOYER OR ANY EMPLOYEES AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW TO PERFORM WORK RELATING TO SUCH BUILDING PERMIT.

Implementing Section 125 of the General Municipal Law

1. General Contractors – Business Owners and Certain Homeowners

For **businesses and certain homeowners listed as the general contractors on building permits,** proof that they are in compliance with Section 57 of the Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) is **ONE** of the following forms that indicate that they are:

- insured (C-105.2 or U-26.3),
- a Board-approved self-insured employer (SI-12), or
- are exempt (WC/DB-100),

under the mandatory coverage provisions of the WCL. Any residence that is not a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is considered a business (income or potential income property) and must prove compliance by filing one of the above forms.

2. Owner-occupied Residences

For homeowners of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence,** proof of their exemption from the mandatory coverage provisions of the Workers' Compensation Law when applying for a building permit is to file Form BP-1.

- Form BP-1 shall be filed if the homeowner of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is listed as the general contractor on the building permit, and the homeowner:
  - ◊ is performing all the work for which the building permit was issued him/herself,
  - ◊ is not hiring, paying or compensating in any way, the individual(s) that is(are) performing all the work for which the building permit was issued or helping the homeowner perform such work, or
  - ◊ has a homeowner's insurance policy that is currently in effect and covers the property for which the building permit was issued AND the homeowner is hiring or paying individuals a total of less than 40 hours per week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for the work for which the building permit was issued.
- If the homeowner of a **1, 2, 3 or 4 Family, Owner-occupied Residence** is hiring or paying individuals a total of **40 hours or MORE** in any week (aggregate hours for all paid individuals on the jobsite) for the work for which the building permit was issued, then the homeowner may not file the "Affidavit of Exemption" Form BP-1, but shall either:
  - ◊ acquire appropriate workers' compensation coverage and provide appropriate proof of that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit (Form C-105.2 or Form U-26.3), OR
  - ◊ have the general contractor, performing the work on the 1, 2, 3 or 4 family, **owner-occupied** residence (including condominiums) listed on the building permit, provide appropriate proof of workers' compensation coverage, or proof of exemption from that coverage on forms approved by the Chair of the NYS Workers' Compensation Board to the government entity issuing the building permit.