

## 205. CONTRACTOR LICENSING

205.010. PURPOSE. That it is deemed in the interest of the public and residents of the City of Birchwood Village that the work involved in building, altering, repairing, and constructing buildings or structures, and installing major appliances and service facilities including all carpentry work, landscaping, and utility work, be done only by individuals, firms, and corporations that have been properly licensed by the State of Minnesota unless a license from the state is not required.

205.020. CONTRACTORS LICENSE.

1. State License. No individual, firm, or corporation that is required to obtain a license from the State of Minnesota to engage in the following activities shall conduct such activities in the City of Birchwood Village without such a license from the State. The term license shall include license, certification, or other authorization designated by the State.

- (a) Residential building
- (b) Residential remodeling
- (c) Residential roofing
- (d) Electrical work
- (e) Plumbing work
- (f) Fire suppression
- (g) House moving
- (h) Sewer or water installation

2. Building Permit. No building permit of any kind shall be issued to any individual, firm, or corporation required to hold a state license unless the individual, firm, or corporation holds such a license under this ordinance except as hereinafter noted.

205.050. EXCEPTIONS FOR HOMEOWNERS. Individual home owners shall not be required to obtain contractor's licenses for work done by themselves upon or in connection with their own property as long as all applicable codes and ordinances are met and proper inspections obtained and proper permits acquired.

205.060. LIABILITY. This ordinance shall not be construed to affect the responsibility or liability for any party owning, operating, or installing the above described work

for damages to persons or property caused by any defect therein nor shall the City of Birchwood Village be liable for any such damages caused by any person licensed or unlicensed.

205.070. PENALTIES. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

205.080. SEPARABILITY. If any portion of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases might be declared unconstitutional.

**“AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 2012-03; APRIL 10, 2012”**