

**Condition of Approval for
Highlands County Building Permit/Land Clearing Permit**

State or Federal Protected Species/ Habitats Permit is a Condition of Approval.

Information in the Planning Department indicates that your property may contain xeric uplands, a natural vegetative community specific to Central Florida, containing a number of plant and animal species that have been designated endangered, threatened or of special concern. The Highlands County Land Development Regulations, Resource Protection Standards, Section 12.12.619, states that:

G. Individual property owners or developers are responsible for obtaining state or federal permits or authorizations prior to clearing land when a resource is located on site.

H. The county shall require that, in addition to the protection requirements of the Code, the necessary federal, state and local permits be obtained as a condition of the project's final development order.

I. All applicants for building permits for properties that have received environmental clearance under this division shall be required to deliver to the building department a signed acknowledgment that their property may contain habitat or species that are protected under state or federal law and that the receipt of a building permit does not absolve the owner or builder of responsibility for complying with all requirements of federal or state law when clearing land or building structures.

**Highlands County, Florida
Development Services Department Application
OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT**

I, _____(print name), being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the **OWNER** of the property described by parcel # C-__ - __ - __ - __ - __ - __ - __ - __ and which is the subject matter of the proposed building permit/land clearing permit. I understand that, pursuant to Highlands County Land Development Regulations, Resource Protection Standards and the potential presence of habitat or species that are protected under state or federal law on this property, it is my obligation and a condition of this building permit to obtain all required state or federal permits or authorizations prior to clearing the land, and to comply with all requirements of federal or state law when clearing land or building structures, as their jurisdictions may apply.

Signature of Owner Above

Address: Number and Street (P.O. Box)

City and State (Zip Code)

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS**

The Foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____,
20____ by _____ who is personally known by me or
who has produced _____ as identification and
who did (did not) take an oath.

Signature

Print Name

State of Florida
My Commission Expires:_____