ORDINANCE NO. 18685

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., relating to building and trade permits, amending City of Topeka Code § 26-52 and specifically repealing said original section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That City of Topeka Code § 26-52, Same--To unlicensed individuals, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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A. Existing Single Family Residential Dwelling

Any permit required by this division may be issued to an unlicensed individual who owns and occupies a single-family dwelling provided the work to be is done is only by the unlicensed owner in an existing single-family dwelling, including accessory building, used exclusively for living purposes, the individual is the owner of the premises, and occupies such premises. The individual shall be responsible for all materials and labor and shall submit plans that have to be approved prior to the issuance of a permit. All work must be done by the owner or by licensed contractors. All work is subject to and must pass all applicable inspections, and the unlicensed homeowner is specifically responsible for all costs of correcting deficient work including re-inspection fees.

B. New Construction of Single Family Residential Dwelling

1. A permit for the construction of a new single family dwelling may be issued to an unlicensed individual subject to the restrictions and requirements in this subsection. The individual shall be responsible for all materials and labor and shall submit
plans that have to be approved prior to the issuance of a permit. All work must be done by
the owner or by licensed contractors. All work is subject to and must pass all applicable
inspections, and the unlicensed homeowner is specifically responsible for all costs of
correcting deficient work, including re-inspection fees. Provided, however, an unlicensed
individual may not perform any work during the construction of the single family dwelling
which is required under this Chapter to be done by a licensed individual in the employ of a
licensed contractor.

2. An unlicensed individual shall only be issued one (1) permit for the
construction of a single family dwelling in any five (5) year period.

Section 2. That City of Topeka Code § 26-52 is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council July 25, 2006.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

ATTEST: ____________________________

William W. Bunten, Mayor

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk