



CHICKEE HUT EXEMPTION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Complete Application: Incomplete applications cannot be accepted.
- ☐ Proof of Ownership: Warranty Deed or property appraiser's information from www.bcpa.net
- ☐ Owner's Affidavit: Signed and notarized affidavit from the owner acknowledging that the chickee hut does not, and will not ever, contain any electrical, plumbing, or other non-wood features.
- ☐ Contractor Information: Copy of the contractor's tribal membership card and the contract for the work.
- ☐ Plot Plan / Site Plan: A clearly drawn plan to scale that provides all dimensions, plot coverage, dimensions. A chickee hut may only be placed in a side or rear yard and not within any easement, and must meet the setbacks for the principal structure.
- ☐ Elevations / Sketches: Hand drawings can only be accepted if professionally drafted.
 1. Chickee Hut: A clearly drawn plan to scale that provides the height from grade, to the top of the roof, and the dimension at the midpoint of the roof (mean height). Materials of the structure and any ground covering below are to be indicated.
 2. Principal Structure: Chickees are accessory structures and may not exceed the height of the principal structure, therefore a clearly drawn plan to scale that shows the height of the principal structure on the property must be provided.

CHICKEE HUT DEFINITION

Florida Statutes 553.73 (10)(i) "Chickees constructed by the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida or the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As used in this paragraph, the term "chickee" means an open-sided wooden hut that has an attached roof of palm or palmetto, or other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other non-wood features."

Non-wood Features: This means nothing other than wood can be installed in, on, or under a chickee hut. This includes any pavement, bricks, concrete, gravel, pavers, stepping stones, and wood decks that contain non-wood components (i.e. composite, metal or plastic screws / nails).

Exemption from the Florida Building Code only applies if all of the requirements are met; Florida Statutes does not exempt a chickee hut from compliance with the City of Margate's Zoning Code. A site inspection will be conducted and, if it is found that the chickee hut violates any of these terms, a notice of violation will be issued.

ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL REQUIRE BUILDING PERMITS WITH ENGINEERING SHOWING COMPLIANCE WITH THE HIGH VELOCITY HURRICANE ZONE.



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CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Print owner's name

Signature of owner

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

OWNER AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Chickee Hut being applied for is being constructed according to the exemption provided by F.S. 553.73(10)(i), will not ever contain any electrical, plumbing, or other non-wood features, and if it does I must apply for, and obtain, a Building Permit or demolish the structure or I will be subject to Code Compliance action.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this day of _____, ____ (year), by _____ (print name of person making statement).

(Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida)

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)



Example of a Chickee Hut