



# CHICKEE HUT APPLICATION

Residential  Commercial

**Job Information:**

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

STRAP #: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931, Lee County

**Contractor's Information:**

Contractor Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifiers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scope of work:** \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated sqft: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated cost value: \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition of Chickee Hut**

FS 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 a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or other traditional materials, and that does not incorporate any electrical, plumbing, or other nonwood features.

An electronic set of plans consisting of the following in PDF format must be included with the application:

1. Tribal Membership Card
2. Chickee hut Application (for zoning review only)
3. Boundary survey/site plan- showing the setbacks and location of the chickee.
4. Affidavit stating no electricity or plumbing is being installed signed by the property owner.
5. Zoning Review and processing fee of \$175

***If electricity or plumbing is planned in the tiki hut, the Residential Building Permit Application must be submitted with all required plans, and application fees***

Regulations and Information

1. The Town of Fort Myers Beach Building Services is regulated by the Florida Building Code 7<sup>th</sup> Edition (2020). For more information about the code or to purchase the code, visit [www.floridabuilding.org](http://www.floridabuilding.org)
2. To be an owner builder you must maintain the home as your residence for a minimum of one year after CO. You must be present for the permitting process, the construction process, the inspection process, and at CO.
  - a. Properties in a Trust or LLC cannot submit owner builder permits.
  - b. Condo units must hire licensed contractors for any work being done.
3. Please be advised, that any work being done in a condo association may require the association's approval.
4. If the Chickee hut is more than 150 square feet, a spot survey will be required prior to issuance of the Certificate of Completion.



## STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Florida Building Code provides that a chickee hut is exempt from the Florida Building Code.

Florida Building Code defines “chickee hut” as:

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If a member of the Miccosukee or Seminole Tribe desires to build a chickee hut, the below submittals are required for exemption from the Florida Building Code.

1. Tribal Membership Card
2. Chickee Hut Application (for zoning review only)
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A site inspection will be conducted to verify that no electricity or plumbing is installed. If it is found that electricity and/or plumbing has been installed, a code enforcement violation will be issued which could result in fines being imposed against the property owner.

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The undersigned hereby states that the Chickee Hut being applied for by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Tribal member or contractor name) does not include electricity or plumbing.

I understand that if my plans include electricity and/or plumbing I must apply for an accessory structure permit and submit all required documents under the Florida Building Code.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Homeowner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name