

572.16 Rule of construction.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require the owner to pay a greater amount or at an earlier date than is provided in the owner's contract with the principal contractor, unless said owner pays a part or all of the contract price to the original contractor before the expiration of the ninety days allowed by law for the filing of a mechanic's lien by a subcontractor; provided that in the case of an owner-occupied dwelling, nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require the owner to pay a greater amount or at an earlier date than is provided in the owner's contract with the principal contractor, unless the owner pays a part or all of the contract price to the principal contractor after receipt of notice under section 572.14, subsection 2.

[C97, § 3093; S13, § 3093; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **10285**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 572.16; 81 Acts, ch 186, § 3]

87 Acts, ch 79, §7