

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 general contractor, unless the owner pays a part or all of the contract price to the general contractor before the expiration of the ninety days allowed by law for the posting of a mechanic's lien by a subcontractor; provided that in the case of residential 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 general contractor, unless the owner pays a part or all of the contract price to the general contractor after the owner receives notice pursuant to [section 572.13B, subsection 2](#) or [section 572.13B, subsection 3](#), paragraph "b".

[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](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1105, §13, 27, 28](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1138, §13](#)

2012 amendment to section takes effect January 1, 2013; mechanics' liens filed prior to that date shall remain with the clerk of district court of the county in which the building, land, or improvement charged with the lien is situated; [2012 Acts, ch 1105, §27, 28](#)