who issue such permits, the town permits as aforesaid shall be issued, and only issued, after the County permits herein provided for shall have been issued and paid for; and the County Commissioners through their Clerk shall furnish to said town officials sufficient blanks to carry out the provisions of this It shall be the duty of such incorporated town or its officials to issue said permits in quadruplicate, one copy to be retained by the applicant, one to be sent to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, one to be sent to the Supervisor of Assessments, and one to be retained by the officials issuing the permit, and it shall be and become the duty of the officials of any incorporated town who have issued said permits as herein required, to make return within three days after the issuance of the same to the proper parties, of the copies of the permits herein required, as well as the sum collected and herein required to be returned to the County Commissioners. One-half the permit fee shall be retained by the officials of the town or municipality issuing the permit, the other one-half to be paid over to the County Commissioners as herein provided for. Provided however that permit blanks shall be mailed on request by the Clerk to the County Commissioners to any person, firm or corporation who desires to erect, contract, remodel or repair any building or buildings as herein provided, but no such person, firm or corporation shall actually begin the erection, construction, remodeling or repair of any building or buildings until the permit blanks have been returned to the Clerk to the County Commissioners, and approved by him, and the permit actually issued and paid for. Failure to mail or receive the blank or permits herein provided for shall in no way affect prosecutions under the provisions of this Act. It is the purpose and intention of this section to require all persons, firms or corporations who contemplate erecting or constructing, or remodeling or repairing any and all buildings of any nature, kind or description, before doing so, to obtain a permit as in this Act provided. And if any person, firm or corporation shall proceed to erect, construct, remodel or repair any building where the value of the same, as to new buildings, shall be two hundred dollars or more at the time of completion, or the cost of remodeling or repairing any building, the value of which after completion shall exceed five hundred dollars (\$500), without first having made application for and obtained the permit as herein provided, it shall then be and become the duty of the County Commissioners through their Clerk, or the