


SARASOTA COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Administration

TO: Matthew R. Osterhoudt, Director, Planning and Development Services
FROM: Jonathan R. Lewis, County Administrator 
DATE: October 11, 2024
SUBJECT: **Temporary Suspension of Certain Building Permit Fees**

Consistent with Chapter 553, Building Construction Standards of the Florida Statutes, Sarasota County requires Building Permits pursuant to Chapter 22 of the County Code of Ordinances and Florida Statutes. Section 22-34, subsection 104.6.4. of the County Code of Ordinances requires fees for permits be set by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2021-107, which currently sets forth the schedule of fees and penalties relating to the review, issuance, and inspection of permits, permit amendments, and enforcement remedies.

In response to Hurricane Milton in October 2024, Sarasota County has declared a State of Emergency to protect the health and safety of the community and property. To assist in the post-storm recovery of County residents and local businesses, thereby protecting and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the general public, Sarasota County is temporarily suspending certain permit fees for certain listed permit applications that are not anticipated to require a significant level of review.

Therefore, I am providing direction to temporarily suspend certain fees contained in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2021-107, for the following work to repair documented damage from Hurricane Milton:

- a. Re-roofing or Recovering (Permit Type – RES-ROOF or COM-ROOF)
- b. Doors (size for size replacement) (Permit Type – RES-ALT or COM-ALT)
- c. Windows (size for size replacement) (Permit Type – RES-ALT or COM-ALT)
- d. Interior repair from water intrusion (Permit Type – RES-ALT or COM-ALT)
- e. Minor electrical repair (Permit Type – RES-ELC or COM-ELC)
- f. Electrical service change (Permit Type – RES-ELC or COM-ALT)
- g. Miscellaneous/repair (Permit Type – RES-ALT)
- h. Tents (Permit Type – TUP)
- i. Temporary Use Permits (Permit Type – TUP)
- j. Pool Cage repair (Permit Type – RES-ALT)
- k. AC Change Out (Permit Type – RES-MEC or COM-MEC)
- l. Mobile Home Demo (Permit Type – RES-DEMO)

- m. Residential Demo (Permit Type – RES-DEMO or COM-DEMO)
- n. Replacement New Mobile Home (Permit Type – RES-NEW)
- o. Replacement Ductwork (Permit Type – RES-MEC)

In addition, I am providing direction to temporarily suspend certain fees contained in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 2021-107 for the following staff-administered approvals contained in the Coastal Setback Code (Chapter 54, Article XXII of the County Code of Ordinances) for the following work to address documented damage from Hurricane Milton:

Section 54-723 – Gulf Beach Setback Line (GBSL) and Pass Hazard Line (PHL) Requirements.

- (h) Written conditioned exceptions to the prohibition on Construction and Excavation located Seaward of the GBSL or Waterward of the PHL.
 - (3) Placement of fill
 - (4) Repair of existing septic system
 - (6) Wooden and metal fences, post-and-rope style barriers, entry gates
 - (8) Dune walkover structures and decks
 - (12) Public lifeguard towers
 - (13) Removal of dead native trees that pose a risk to public health, safety, and general welfare
 - (15) Beach nourishment projects and associated maintenance activities

Section 54-724 – Variances.

- (f) Class I Emergency Variances (i.e. sandbags, temporary installation of foundation underpinnings, repair or replacement of roadways, debris removal)

This direction does not suspend, waive, or modify any other fees contained in Resolution No. 2021-107 or any other Board approved Resolutions. This direction does not suspend, waive, or modify any regulations relating to Building Permit fees, or County Code of Ordinances.

This temporary suspension of fees applies to applications submitted October 14, 2024 or after and this direction sunsets on October 22, 2024 unless continued otherwise by the County Administrator or the Board of County Commissioners.