

Board of County Commissioners

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

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Subject: Add-On:
Request Board Approval for the Planning and Community Development
Department to Waive Fees for Repair Work Related to Tropical Storm Fay

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval for the Planning and Community Development Department to waive fees for repair work related to Tropical Storm Fay.

Background:

In 2005, the Board passed a Resolution waiving Planning and Community Development fees for repairs resulting from damage caused by Hurricane Dennis. On August 23, 2008, Wakulla County sustained direct impacts from Tropical Storm Fay. As a result of Tropical Storm Fay, substantial damages have occurred in certain parts of the County.

Analysis:

This request is for the Board to pass a Resolution waiving Planning and Community Development Department fees for repair work related to Tropical Storm Fay. Should the Board pass a Resolution waiving the Planning and Community Development Department fees for storm damage repair work, staff developed a process to ensure that these fees are waived only for storm damage repairs. Staff is recommending that this waiver be allowed for no more than 3 months.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Citizen will present to the Planning and Zoning Division for a Development Permit Application (DPA) for storm damage;
2. Planning and Zoning staff will direct the citizen to fill out the attached form and present the form to the Building Division;
3. The Building Division will inspect the property and reported damage to verify that the repair work is for storm damage;
4. Once the Building Division verifies that the repair work is for storm damage and signs the attached form, Planning and Zoning staff will issue the DPA for storm damage repair. The citizen will not be charged fees for the storm damage repair work.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution waiving Planning and Community Development Department fees for repair work related to Tropical Storm Fay.
2. Do not approve the Resolution waiving Planning and Community Development Department fees for repair work related to Tropical Storm Fay.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Storm Damage Fee Waiver Verification Form
2. Resolution