RESOLUTION 2024- 156

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF CERTAIN APPLICATION, PERMIT, **AND PLAN** REVIEW FEES FOR REPAIR RECONSTRUCTION **OF** COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES THAT SUSTAINED DAMAGE DIRECTLY RELATED TO HURRICANE MILTON: PROVIDING PROOF OF STORM RELATED **DAMAGE: PROVIDING PERMIT APPLICATION MUST** SUBMITTED WITHIN A CERTAIN TIMEFRAME; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024 the Governor issued Executive Order No. 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for the certain counties, including the County of Volusia, as a result of Hurricane Milton:

WHEREAS, the County Council declared a state of local emergency on October 7, 2024, for Hurricane Milton, and such declaration is ongoing;

WHEREAS, both Hurricane Milton caused major damage to commercial and residential structures in Volusia County;

WHEREAS, this resolution is pursuant to the authority in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances, County of Volusia.

WHEREAS, the County Council is willing to suspend certain application, permit, and plan review fees until 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2025 to aid property owners in the repair and reconstruction of damaged commercial and residential structures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, DELAND, FLORIDA THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024, AS FOLLOWS:

- **Section I.** The county will waive application, permit and plan review fees for repair and reconstruction of residential and commercial structures that sustained damage directly related to Hurricane Milton. The county will also waive application, permit, and plan review fees for the placement and installation of RV or mobile shelters pursuant to a valid temporary housing permit.
- **Section II.** To be eligible for the waiver of fees the property owner or contractor requesting the permit and inspections shall provide proof of storm damage submitted with the permit application. Such proof shall be photographic, written verification by an insurance adjuster, written verification by an architect, engineer, or contractor, or written verification by a county official.

- The fee waiver shall only apply to the reconstruction or repair of the structure to its previously permitted condition. Any addition or alteration to the previously permitted condition of the structure shall be treated as a separate permit and all applicable fees shall apply.
- Section IV. In the event a variance is required to reconstruct the structure, the applicant will be responsible for the actual cost of due public and legal notices but will not be charged an administrative review fee.
- Section V. The waiver of fees shall not apply to re-inspection fees or to surcharges imposed by the state.
- Section VI. The waiver of fees shall only apply to an application for storm damage repair or reconstruction from Hurricane Milton submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2025, unless this Resolution is extended by Council.
- Section VII. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall be retroactively applied to permit applications for damage directly related to Hurricane Milton submitted prior to the effectiveness of this Resolution.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

COUNTY COUNCIL VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

George Recktenwald

County Manager

For

BY: Jeffer S. Brower

County Chair