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**Lee County Community Development adjusts hours of operation for permitting lobby at downtown office**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 26, 2022 – The permitting lobby at the Lee County Department of Community Development (DCD) will close on Saturdays starting on Oct. 29 to allow for the processing of an increasing number of building permits.

The permitting lobby had been offering expanded hours of operation, including Saturday hours, since Oct. 17, at its Monroe Street office in downtown Fort Myers to assist homeowners with emergency permits to address damage from Hurricane Ian.

The department has seen ever increasing amounts of emergency permit activity while also processing the regular building permits already in the works prior to the hurricane as well as new building permit requests submitted since the storm.

Processing emergency permits remains the priority. The permitting lobby will continue to be open to the public and taking phone calls 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contractors have continued to be directed to file for permits using the County's online system. Homeowners can also choose to utilize that option.

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