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**Lee County Community Development returns to Monroe Street office to continue Emergency Building, Driveway and Right Of Way (ROW) Permitting operation post-Hurricane Ian**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 13, 2022 – The Lee County Department of Community Development (DCD) will return its permitting operations to its office location at the Public Works Building, 1500 Monroe St., Fort Myers, on Monday, Oct. 17.

Post Hurricane Ian, DCD temporarily relocated to the first floor of County Administration, 2115 Second St., Fort Myers. That operation will be open today, Thursday, Oct. 13, and Friday, Oct. 14, until it closes at 4 p.m. Friday. Permits will not be available during the weekend, Oct. 16-17, to allow DCD to relocate their office, which has now been repaired.

Starting Monday, Oct. 17, DCD's normal permitting business hours are being expanded to assist its customers. The hours of operation will be Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays (starting Oct. 22) from 8 a.m. to noon.

Homeowners and contractors need to know the following information prior to arriving at the site:

- Contractors who typically file for permits online are asked to continue to use that process. The temporary emergency operation is intended for homeowners.
- Unincorporated Lee County will continue all building, driveway, right of way (ROW) and well repair permitting services Monday, Oct. 17.
- For building permits, hours and dates will be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, with the exception of Oct. 16, until further notice.
- DCD is prioritizing repairs to existing habitable buildings and repair to wells due to Hurricane Ian. Other permit applications will be processed but will be done so as resources allow.
- All inspections resumed as of Monday, Oct. 10, with priority given to Hurricane Ian-related repairs. Next-day inspections may not be possible. Fire Districts may not be performing inspections.
- Fees are waived for permits for repair of Hurricane Damage until further notice.
- A specific landing page has been set up for more information: [www.leegov.com/dcd/BldPermitServ/AppsProcd/EmergProcd](http://www.leegov.com/dcd/BldPermitServ/AppsProcd/EmergProcd)

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