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Permitting Desk hours have changed effective March 29

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Town’s Permitting Department has returned to regular operational hours and days starting Wed., March 29, 2023. These hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This change is occurring because the additional personnel provided for permitting services through the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) ended March 28. Six months after the date of the storm is the regulatory limit for state and federal programs to provide additional support. The Town requested an extension up to and including from the White House and was denied.

To continue meeting customer’s needs, the Town is hiring additional staff and moving contracted services in-house within the current budget.

- Permitting staff positions are being filled as funds are available.
- One position has been filled with three more to be discussed at a future Town Council meeting for the budget approval to hire.
- Two positions that are currently outsourced – plans examiner and building code inspector - are in process to be hired directly by the Town.
- Nine compliance personnel that were provided by the State to inspect properties will not be replaced.
- Code Compliance staff are back to the pre-storm positions of two full time and one part time.

The Town has been steadily progressing in its recovery from Ian, which has included issuing more than 10,000 permits to property owners in various stages of rebuilding in the past six months. A typical year’s worth of permits equals about 2,000.

For more information about permitting, please visit the Building Services webpage and read the frequently asked questions and answers that are posted. Access this page from the dark blue sand dollar on the homepage of the Town’s website at www.fmbgov.com.

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