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Permit is now required for placement of temporary structures

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – In June 2023, Town Council passed [Ordinance 23-05](#) for placement of temporary structures that some residential and commercial owners are using. This also includes FEMA and FDEM temporary structures.

Town Council took action after Hurricane Ian to allow temporary structures to be registered with the Town. This was to assist property owners to rebuild and to help the Town keep track of the number of temporary structures and their locations.

Property owners – residential or business - who are using temporary structures, now need to apply for a [Temporary Placement Permit](#). This requirement is for currently registered structures and future applications. Here are some important details from the ordinance:

“This applies to Commercial, Institutional, or Residential Zoning District for displaced owner-occupants or tenants if their existing living unit(s) has/ have become uninhabitable due Hurricane Ian. The Temporary Placement permit shall be issued in increments of 6 months by resubmitting a new Temporary Placement Permit application. The permit shall not be issued for a period exceeding eighteen months. The Town may grant an extension if the permit holder demonstrates that a significant hardship exists by showing that they have exercised all due diligence in obtaining permits for either repair or replacement of the affected structure meaning that you would have to eventually apply for a building permit for the destroyed dwelling unit. The temporary unit shall be removed from the site within thirty (30) days after issuance of a certificate of occupancy or certificate of use associated with the approved permit, or at the time of the expiration of the TPP, whichever is earlier. TPP shall not be used for the purpose of placing and operating a Short Term Rental.”

Please refer to the [Temporary Placement Permit](#) application for submittal requirements, regulations and restrictions.

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and the Town has a variety of parks and recreational facilities, shops and restaurants. The Town has been incorporated since 1995.