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Fort Myers Beach’s collaborative efforts with FEMA were successful resulting in a 30-day deadline extension!

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – The Town of Fort Myers Beach is announcing that its collaborative efforts with FEMA in recent weeks have resulted in a 30-day extension for submitting documents that will reflect the actions taken in the Special Flood Hazard Area after Hurricane Ian, demonstrating full compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

In a letter from FEMA received today, the Town was informed that June 10th is the new deadline for document submittal. The previous deadline was May 9th. The letter is posted on the Town’s landing webpage dedicated to this issue at www.fmbgov.com/NFIP.

The deadline extension also applies to the impacted communities of City of Bonita Springs, City of Cape Coral, the Village of Estero, and Lee County.

Fort Myers Beach appreciates its partnership with FEMA as both parties work to retain the Town’s and other communities’ Community Rating System (CRS) classifications.

The Fort Myers Beach Town Council is committed to retaining the CRS rating of 5 to maintain the discount available to residents with NFIP policies.

FEMA also acknowledged in its letter today that the letter sent last week by Fort Myers Beach and the other communities matches the expectations of necessary documentation. That letter also is posted on the websites landing page.

BACKGROUND:

- The Town has met with the FEMA administrator and is continuously working with the FEMA Region 4 administrator and FEMA staff.
- FEMA has now assigned its staff to work in the Town and the other communities.
- Town staff are working diligently to provide specific documentation that will reflect the actions taken post-Ian, which made landfall Sept. 28, 2022, and was the largest hurricane to make landfall on Fort Myers Beach. Hurricane Ian is ranked as the third costliest tropical system to make landfall in the United States.
- The documentation will reflect the Town’s records of site work review, including but not limited to: violations for unpermitted work, stop work orders, complaint code cases, processed renovation permits, documents demonstrating work was that was completed on houses which were not substantially damaged, documents proving there was substantial damage and the demolition permits were needed.

Additional information and documents related to this issue can be found at www.fmbgov.com/NFIP

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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 is known for white sand, shell finds, and sunsets. The Town took a direct hit in September 2022 from Hurricane Ian, a category five storm, and is in active recovery. Many shops and restaurants are restored and open for business! The Town has been incorporated since 1995.