



September 1, 2023

Dear property owner:

The Town of Fort Myers Beach extends its condolences for the loss of your property as a result of Hurricane Ian. The Town is in the process of rebuilding and must do so in a way that follows the applicable State and Town legal requirements. The processes are required for the common good and are necessary to prevent further losses and harm.

As the Town moves forward with the rebuilding of Fort Myers Beach, we are starting to address the properties that have become unsafe structures or that have been abandoned. In the interest of public and community safety, the Town's Code Compliance Division is embarking on the following:

- 1) Surveying the current status of the remaining structures on Estero Island to photograph any buildings which are unsafe, do not provide adequate egress, constitute a fire hazard, or which, in relation to existing use, constitute a hazard to safety or health. The plan will be to require such unsafe structures to be abated by repair or demolition by certain dates in accordance with the provisions of the Unsafe Building Abatement Code.
- 2) Sending a letter to property owners with unsafe or abandoned structures. A code compliance case will be created for each of these buildings requiring the property owner(s) to acquire an issued Fort Myers Beach building permit prior to **Oct. 31, 2023**, to either demolish the structure or repair the structure. Code compliance will monitor the permitting status of the buildings on this list to ensure that the property owners are complying with the property maintenance requirements and deadlines specified.

To be as consistent as possible in this process, the following time limits will be followed:

- 1) Property owners receiving an unsafe building notice must acquire an issued building permit prior to **October 31, 2023**, to either demolish or repair the structure.
- 2) Property owners must demolish or repair their structures and close their permits by requesting and passing all required inspections **within 180 days of permit issuance**.

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