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Mayor Hogsett Signs Executive Order Suspending Permit Fees for Flood-Damaged Properties

City suspends all permit fees for 30 days for properties impacted by historic flooding

INDIANAPOLIS – On Thursday, Aug. 20, Mayor Joe Hogsett signed an executive order suspending all fees for eligible permits related to flood damage repair and restoration. The fee suspension is intended to help residents and property owners recover from the historic flooding in Central Indiana by reducing financial barriers and the overall cost of repairing and restoring damaged properties.

“As our neighbors begin the long, difficult journey of rebuilding their lives after this flooding event, we at the City of Indianapolis are exploring ways to help ease burdens they may face,” said Mayor Hogsett. “Our goal with the suspension of permit fees for flood-damaged properties is so that individuals have one less thing to worry about during the recovery process.”

The Department of Business and Neighborhood Services (DBNS) will administer the fee suspension, which will remain in effect through Sept. 13 and retroactively applies to any eligible permits submitted on Aug. 14 and after. In addition to overseeing permitting functions across Marion County, DBNS [enforces regulations](#) related to Marion County’s special flood hazard area, which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines as an area with a greater risk of flooding any given year.

Properties located within Marion County’s special flood hazard area are eligible for the fee suspension if there is confirmation that the property suffered damage. To help determine the location, nature, and severity of damage, property owners are encouraged to fill out the [Disaster Damage Reporting Form](#). Properties can be deemed “damaged” by the City of Indianapolis’ rapid damage assessment or by the DBNS Floodplain Administrator. Properties located outside the special flood hazard area may also be eligible for permit fee suspension. However, these requests must include documentation from an insurance company attesting flood damage and will be reviewed by DBNS on a case-by-case basis.

The fee suspension includes application, review, and issuance fees. Applicable permits include floodplain development permits, wrecking permits, drainage permits, improvement location permits, structural permits for both residential and commercial buildings, and select right-of-way permits. Craft permits, such as heating and cooling, plumbing, and electrical permits, will also have their fees waived. Permit requirements will remain in place, however, and property owners should obtain all necessary permits before beginning any repair or restoration work. Questions about the

permitting process, and anyone who is seeking waived fees, can contact DBNS by emailing PermitQuestions@indy.gov or calling 317-327-7800.

For more information about flood recovery, including [damage reporting](#), cleanup, substantial damage determinations, flood insurance claims and available assistance, visit the City's [flood resources](#) webpage.

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