

DeSoto County, Florida
Ordinance 2004-_____

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE of DeSoto County Florida regarding permitting of certain permanent repairs and emergency repairs, providing a definition of emergency repairs; providing for an exemption from permitting for certain minor repairs; providing for obtaining permits for certain activities over the internet or by mail; providing for an effective date; providing for an expiration date.

Whereas, DeSoto County received a significant amount of damage do to Hurricane Charley on August 13, 2004 and;

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners desire to expiate repairs of damage received during Hurricane Charley and;

Whereas, Florida Statute 553.80 provides exemptions from permitting of projects for owners of one and two family dwellings that do not exceed one 1000 square feet and/or five thousand dollars, and;

Whereas, the Florida Building Code is not applicable to ordinary minor repairs, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Effective immediately and continuing until December 31, 2004;

1. Non-Structural and Non-Electrical repair, to a single family or two family residence, preformed by the owner and not exceeding one thousand square feet and complying with the provisions of Florida Statute 553 is exempt from obtaining building permits.
2. Non-Structural and Non-Electrical Repairs, to a single family or two family residence, preformed by a licensed contractor and not exceeding five thousand dollars and complying with the provisions of Florida Statute 553 is exempt from obtaining building permits.
3. Emergency Repairs may be performed on residential property by the owner or a properly licensed contractor, and on commercial property by the owner if the repair value is below twenty-five thousand dollars or by a properly licensed contractor, prior to obtaining permits, however permits must be applied for no later than three days after the repairs begin. For the purposes of this ordinance emergency repairs are repairs necessary to prevent additional damage to a structure and include:
 - a. Roof deck repair and drying in of the structure. A permit and inspection must be obtained prior to installation of the final roof covering.

Replacement or repair of trusses or rafters are not permitted as an emergency repair.

- b. Boarding up or replacement of windows and doors, including garage doors. A permit and inspection must be obtained prior to receiving a certificate of completion.
 - c. Repair or replacement of building drains or sewer lines, including vents. A permit and inspection must be obtained prior to receiving a certificate of completion.
4. The following activities do not require permits.
- a. Installation of fascia and soffits.
 - b. Site cleanup and debris removal.
 - c. Removal of destroyed structures if the average height of structure as it exist in its destroyed state is less than eight feet.
 - d. Replacement of vinyl or aluminum siding if the structure received no damage.
 - e. Replacement of screens.
5. No permit fees will be charged for repairs until October 1, 2004.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED, in emergency session by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA this 17th day of August 2004.

T. Felton Garner
Vice-Chairman

Attest:

June M. Fisher
County Administrator

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY**

HOWARD C. HOLTZENDORF
County Attorney

DeSoto County, Florida
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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE of DeSoto County Florida regarding Contractor Licensing, providing for acceptance of Registered Contractor Licenses from Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Okeechobee, Lee, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Polk, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Osceola, Martin and Palm Beach counties without review by the DeSoto County Construction Industry Licensing Board.; waiving fees for licensing for one year; providing for an effective date; providing for an expiration date.

Whereas, DeSoto County received a significant amount of damage do to Hurricane Charley on August 13, 2004 and;

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners desire to expiate repairs of damage received during Hurricane Charley and;

Whereas, Florida Statute 489 regulates contracting in the State of Florida and provides for accepting registered contractors licensed by other jurisdictions within the State of Florida.

Whereas, the DeSoto County Commission desires to protect it citizens while providing additional contracting capabilities for the rebuilding of DeSoto County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Effective immediately and continuing until December 31, 2004;

1. DeSoto County will issue DeSoto County Certificate of Competency cards to State Registered Contractors from Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Okeechobee, Lee, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Polk, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Osceola, Martin and Palm Beach counties and cities within these counties, without review by the DeSoto County Construction Industry Licensing Board. Contractors from jurisdictions indicated above must supply DeSoto County a copy of their State Registration and Certificates of Insurance for Liability and Worker Compensation listing DeSoto County as the Certificate Holder. In lieu of a Certificate of Insurance for Workers Compensation a current Exemption Certification will be accepted.

2. DeSoto County will issue DeSoto County Certificate of Competency cards to holders of Certificate of Competency for Aluminium Contracting from Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Okeechobee, Lee, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Polk, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Osceola, Martin and Palm Beach

counties and cities within these counties, without review by the DeSoto County Construction Industry Licensing Board. Contractors from jurisdictions indicated above must supply DeSoto County a copy of their County Certificate of Competency and Certificates of Insurance for Liability and Worker Compensation listing DeSoto County as the Certificate Holder. In lieu of a Certificate of Insurance for Workers Compensation an current Exemption Certification will be accepted.

3. Licensing fees for Registered Contractors are waived.

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