

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-182**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN A LETTER DATED JULY 19, 2024, FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (“FEMA”); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and Chapter 166 of the Florida Statutes provide that municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services, and exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Article X of the Town Charter empowers the Town Council to adopt, amend, or repeal such ordinances and resolutions as may be required for the proper governing of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall north of the Town causing historical property damage and loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA has been working in conjunction with the Town for the last two (2) years on recovery efforts from Hurricane Ian, and has, on July 19, 2024, sent the Town a letter outlining requirements for the Town to maintain its class rating in the National Flood Insurance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest of the residents of the Town and promotes its health, safety and welfare.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The foregoing Whereas clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct, are the legislative and administrative findings of the Town Council and made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The Town Manager is directed and authorized to take any and all actions to implement the requirements contained in the letter from FEMA dated July 19, 2024, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit “A”.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon motion by Mayor Allers and seconded by Council Member Woodson, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

Dan Allers, Mayor	Aye
Jim Atterholt, Vice Mayor	Aye
Karen Woodson, Council Member	Aye
Scott Safford, Council Member	Aye
John R. King, Council Member	Aye

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024, by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

**TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH**

  
Dan Allers (Sep 19, 2024 16:13 EDT)  
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Dan Allers, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Amy Baker, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH ONLY:**

  
Nancy Stuparich (Sep 15, 2024 17:12 EDT)  
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Vose Law Firm, LLP, Town Attorney

This Resolution was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.



## Town of Fort Myers Beach Post-Disaster Compliance Status Update Report

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FEMA remains committed to helping communities take appropriate remediation actions to remain in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and participate in the Community Rating System (CRS).

The Town of Fort Myers Beach was granted 60 days (June 10, 2024), to submit to FEMA any new information related to the deficiencies and substantive violations detailed in FEMA's April 8, 2024 Findings Report. The April 8, 2024 Findings Report supported an initial decision by FEMA to retrograde the Town of Fort Myers Beach to a CRS class 10 community. In the Findings Report, FEMA also found program deficiencies and violations within the Town of Fort Myers Beach, which will serve as a basis for the current enforcement action and needed remediation.

During the 60-day review period, the Town of Fort Myers Beach provided FEMA permit documentation for 105 sites. FEMA reviewed the submitted documentation, for the 105 sites as well as the Town of Fort Myers Beach's Narrative and supporting documentation.

After careful review of Town of Fort Myers Beach's submittal, FEMA finds that program deficiencies and substantive violations remain. Unfortunately, due to the deficiencies, the Town of Fort Myers Beach is being notified that they have until November 18, 2024 to address these deficiencies, or the Town will be placed on probation from the NFIP:

### LIST OF PROGRAM DEFICIENCIES

Program Deficiencies are a defect in a community's floodplain management regulations or administrative procedures that impairs effective implementation of floodplain management regulations of the standards in 44 CFR 60.3; 60.4; 60.6; and NFIP Community Compliance Program Guidance, P-1022 (July 2016) in section 3.2.

- Failure of the community's "commitment to recognize and duly evaluate flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards in all official actions in the areas having special flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards and to take such other official action reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program;" 44 CFR 59.22(8) and LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div 1, Sec 6-403(8).
- Failure to require permits for all proposed construction and development in the SFHA. 44 CFR 60.3(b)(1); 44 CFR 60.3(c)(1); 44 CFR 60.3(e)(1); FBC R101.2.1; FBC EB701.3; FBC 105.1; LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div 3, Sec 6-427; and LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div 6, Sec 6-461.
- Failure to maintain permit records for development, new construction, or substantial improvements in the SFHA. 44 CFR 59.22(a)(9)(iii); 44 CFR 60.3(b)(5)(iii); and 44 CFR 60.3(e)(2)(ii).
- Failure to make substantial improvement (SI) and substantial damage (SD) ("SI/SD") determinations and calculations for all proposed construction and development in the SFHA. 44 CFR 60.3(b)(1); 44 CFR 60.3(c)(1); 44 CFR 60.3(e)(1); LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div 3, Sec 6.428(1); and FEMA Substantial Improvement / Substantial Damage Desk Reference, P-758 (May 2010) ("SI/SD Desk Reference") in section 5.2.

- Failure to maintain SI/SD determination records for all proposed construction and development in the SFHA. 44 CFR 59.22(a)(9)(iii); 44 CFR 60.3(b)(5)(iii); 44 CFR 60.3(e)(2)(ii); and SI/SD Desk Reference in sections 4.2 and 7.7.
- Failure to keep records of permits, certifications, and variance actions. 44 CFR 59.22(a)(9)(iii).
- Failure to establish SI/SD procedures for administering and documenting determinations of SI/SD. LDC CH6, Art IV, Div 3, Sec 6.428(1) and FEMA Substantial Improvement / Substantial Damage Desk Reference, P-758 (May 2010) ("SI/SD Desk Reference") in sections 4.1, 4.3, & 7.1.
- Failure in permitting system, which allowed the use of "temporary" non-compliant structures (Including shipping container and trailers/food trucks). LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div, 4, Sec 6.443 (3)&(4), LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div 6, and LDC CH 6, Art IV, Div 6, Sec 6-462, Sec 6.463, and LDC CH 6, Art IV Div 10, Sec 6-501.



### 1. Program deficiencies

Serious program deficiencies in a community's administrative and enforcement process and procedures are those that have resulted or could result in substantive violations that increase potential flood damages or stages in the community. The following deficiencies represent gaps in the Town's administrative process that restrict the ability to meet the minimum standards for participation.

Permitting of non-compliant structures/shipping containers/

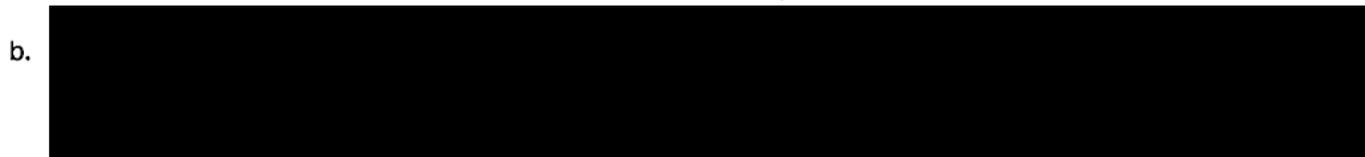
Inconsistent Market Value	Missing Repair Permits (Known Damage (IA/Insurance)	Missing Detailed Cost Info	Low & Inadequate Labor Costs	Permits Issued Without Total Repair Costs	Failed To Capture Complete Scope of Work	After the Fact Permits	After the Fact Notice of Violation
1	51	76	8	62	65	16	25

### 2. List of properties determined to be substantially damaged:

The Town of Fort Myers Beach has submitted to FEMA a list of properties that Town of Fort Myers Beach deemed substantially damaged since the disaster; there were 356 structures listed. What actions has the Town taken or plan to take to follow-up on those structures? Please provide FEMA with a status of each structure to indicate how substantial damage is being addressed.

### 3. Non-compliant development

- a. Non-compliant structures (containers) and temporary structures have been placed in the Coastal High Hazard Area (VE zone and coastal A zone). Please provide a plan to remove the structures or bring the non-compliant structures or non-compliant additions into compliance; and confirmation that the town has stopped issuing permits for this type of non-compliant development.





#### 4. Data Dictionary (revised) – “Status” Column Meanings:

**Additional Information Needed** – Permit package needs additional information to be considered complete.

**CAV Follow-Up** – Not a Hurricane Ian issue but found a need for additional information during the next compliance follow-up with the community.

**Code Enforcement Case** – Community is currently processing as a code enforcement case and FEMA will accept and review case updates, follow-up permit information, and/or enforcement actions occurring prior to June 10, 2024. Actions occurring beyond that time will require future compliance engagement.

**Complete** – FEMA needs no further information regarding the specific address.

**Future Compliance Engagement** – Ian related activity. FEMA will follow-up on this site during the next compliance follow-up with the community.

#### 5. Documentation on the Finding Report and Site list:

Attached to this document is a list of structures within the SFHA with violations, including the type of violation, status, and needed documentation.

<b>Final Status</b> <small>(as of June 28, 2024)</small>	<b>Count</b>
Additional Information Needed	21
CAV Follow-Up	2
Code Enforcement Case	16
Complete	32
Future Compliance Engagement	34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>105</b>



## National Flood Insurance Program

### Privacy Act Notice

**RE:** Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL, **National Flood Insurance Program Data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

The Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL is receiving data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's that is maintained in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Specifically, the Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL is receiving property addresses identified by FEMA as possible violations to the local floodplain management laws and regulations. The community shall use the data to verify, monitor, and resolve the possible violation. As an NFIP participating community, this information will assist the community to ensure compliance with the NFIP and maintain the availability of flood insurance. FEMA will send the information to you securely via email on a password-protected spreadsheet or pdf.

FEMA discloses this to you pursuant to the "routine use" provision of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)(3), specifically under Routine Uses G, I, M, N, O, R and T of the System of Records Notice (SORN), DHS/FEMA-003 - National Flood Insurance Program Files 79 FR 28747 (May 19, 2014). The SORN may be electronically viewed at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-19/html/2014-11386.htm>.

The Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL does not have permission to release the provided information to third parties, including third party contractors and will only use the data for the stated purpose. Unauthorized disclosure of FEMA data will result in an immediate denial of access to the FEMA data. Pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(10), please destroy or return said personally identifiable information (PII) to FEMA once you no longer have use for it. PII is information that can be used to identify, by itself, or in combination, individuals by direct or indirect means.

In the event of a privacy incident resulting from this sharing of FEMA PII, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL shall immediately, but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours from suspicion, discovery or notification of the suspected or confirmed privacy incident, notify the FEMA Privacy Officer at (202) 212-5100 or [FEMA-Privacy@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Privacy@fema.dhs.gov). FEMA will investigate the incident pursuant to DHS standard procedures and will consult the Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL to diagnose, mitigate and manage the privacy incident.

The Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL will be responsible for carrying out all necessary measures to remedy the effects of the privacy incident.

By accepting the FEMA data, the Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL agrees that it shall bear all costs, losses and damages to the extent resulting from the City's breach of FEMA data. The Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL further agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold FEMA harmless for claims, losses, penalties and damages, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to the extent arising out of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL or its contractor's, negligence, unauthorized use or disclosure of FEMA PII and/or the Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL, or its contractor's, breach of its obligations under this sharing.

By accepting, receiving, downloading, or otherwise obtaining the routine use information or data discussed in this document, Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL understands, agrees, and accepts the terms of the use of the data as outlined in this document.