

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION NO. 03-09-16

Emergency Mayoral Proclamation Waiving Building Permit Fees for Permits in Areas Affected by the Flooding of 2016

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2016 the Cedar Rapids City Council adopted Resolution No. 1267-09-16 which among other things declared a state of emergency in Cedar Rapids due to flooding conditions, and

WHEREAS, said Resolution also authorized the Mayor to take certain actions during the emergency, and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 372.14 (2016) provides for the Mayor to take certain actions during emergency conditions, and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency is continuing, and part of the City's emergency response has included assessing the risk to public safety of re-entering and re-occupying structures affected by the flood, and

WHEREAS, all repair and recovery work to be done on flood damaged property within the flood inundation area, for which building permits are required, will be issued a new type of Flood Permit established specifically for this work, and

WHEREAS, it would be in the public interest to track Flood Permits separately and waive the building permit fees required by Cedar Rapids Municipal Code Chapter 33 and as set by City Council Resolution No. 0727-06-16 dated June 14, 2016 subject to building permits.

NOW THEREFORE, Ron Corbett, Mayor of the City of Cedar Rapids, hereby proclaims as follows:

1. All building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work for flood damaged structures for which permits are required by the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code shall be subject of the permitting process and must be done by certified contractors.
2. All such building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work shall be performed in compliance with all applicable codes and regulations.

3. In any particular circumstance, if the Code official reviewing the matter determines that safety concerns nevertheless indicate that no permit should be issued, then none shall be issued and the temporary hold permits for such a structure shall continue.
4. Effective immediately, until the emergency conditions have ended as determined either by resolution of the City Council or mayoral proclamation, the Building Official is directed to establish a new "Flood Permit" for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work for repair or recovery work to be done on flood damaged property within the flood inundation area for which permits are otherwise required by the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code.
5. Effective immediately, until the emergency conditions have ended as determined either by resolution of the City Council or mayoral proclamation, all Flood Permit fees otherwise required by the Cedar Rapids Municipal Code for repair or recovery work to be done on flood damaged property within the flood inundation area shall be waived.
6. The Building Official shall administer this waiver and report to the Mayor and City Council when conditions necessitating this action have alleviated and this proclamation may be rescinded.

Dated September 28, 2016



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Ron Corbett, Mayor of the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa