* FW: South Bethany News Update - Building Permit‏

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Subject: Building Permit  
   
South Bethany,  
   
Following the recent flood, the Town was able to waive the requirement to  
obtain a building permit for the removal of damaged items such as drywall,  
insulation, floor covering, damaged equipment, etc. As mayor with  
emergency powers, I was enforcing Town of South Bethany Code Section  
8-6A(2)(c) where I felt non removal of flood materials was a threat to your  
health.  
   
However, a building permit is required for all replacement and new  
construction. You might ask why the Town cannot waive this permit  
requirement following such a disastrous situation. The Town is responsible  
for the administration and enforcement of the Coastal Floodplain Regulations  
as mandated by FEMA and the State Department of Natural Resources and  
Environmental Control. The Town is also a participant in the National Flood  
Insurance Program and the Community Rating System and, in order to meet its  
certification and eligibility for insurance rate discount, must insure  
compliance with the applicable codes and regulations. In order to  
accomplish this, a building permit is required for all replacement and new  
construction.   
   
The fee for this permit is $50 (the amount of the fee may be increased if  
the work involves more than flood damage). However, the Town Council will  
be meeting on Thursday, November 15, at 5 pm at the Town Hall to vote on a  
resolution to waive the fee. Waiver of this fee requires the vote of the  
Council.   
   
Property owners are requested to notify their contractors that a Mercantile  
License is required in order to work or provide services within Town limits.  
   
Kathy Jankowski, Mayor  
Town of South Bethany