* 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