



On October 18 City Council passed an ordinance (Sec. 8-38 of the City Code) allowing the waiver of permit fees for certain emergencies. The deadline for applying for permits and getting the fee waived has been extended to April 10-180 days after Matthew made landfall in Virginia Beach. To be eligible for the fee waiver, applicants must provide verification that the request is a result of damage sustained by Hurricane Matthew along with a site plan for fence, sheds, screen enclosures and docks. Your insurance evaluation will serve as acceptable documentation. Below is information on the permits required, when necessary, and timing for acquiring those permits.



Fences

- Replacement fences using same material and installing in the same location may be replaced without first obtaining a permit; however, a permit will need to be obtained within 60 days.
- For relocated or installation of alternative material or height than originally approved, a permit will be required prior to installation.

No permit required for limited repairs/panel replacements, such as for like height and material.

Sheds

- Sheds less than 256 sq. ft. may be replaced without permit unless located in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) or granted a variance by the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA).

Soffit/fascia/siding repairs

A permit will not be required.

HVAC equipment change-outs

A permit will be required prior to work.

Electrical repairs (mast, weather-head, panel, lights)

A permit will be required.

Roofing

- Re-roof will require a permit prior to work.
- Replacement of up to 3 bundles of shingles (100 square feet) will not require a permit.

Screen enclosure (aluminum cage)

- Screen enclosure replacements will require a permit prior to work.
- Certified drawings are required.
- Screen repairs do not require a permit.

Swimming pools must meet barrier requirement.

Docks

Docks will require a permit prior to work. Contact Waterfront Operations at 757-385-8246.



The property owner or a contractor licensed with the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation Board for Contractors may obtain the permit.

It is the City's intent to expedite all hurricane-related permits. Many minor repairs will not need a permit. For any clarity, please call Permits & Inspections at 757-385-4211.

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