

COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD  
NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rutherford County and all of Western North Carolina experienced an unprecedented and catastrophic storm when Hurricane Helene passed through our region on the morning of Friday, September 27, 2024, resulting in the loss of life, the devastation and destruction of homes and businesses, and the displacement of thousands of our citizens here and throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, one consequence of this storm was significant damage to residential, commercial, and public properties throughout Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses are facing unexpected financial burdens due to the costs associated with repairing storm-related damage to their properties; and

WHEREAS, Rutherford County recognizes the need to assist affected property owners by easing the financial burden associated with the repair and rebuilding process as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, the waiver of electrical permit fees for storm-related repairs will expedite the recovery process and encourage timely repair work to restore the safety, functionality, and aesthetics of damaged properties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for Rutherford County that:

1. All electrical permit fees, as set forth in Section 24 of the Rutherford County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Building Inspections/Planning, as otherwise required under the County's building, electrical, plumbing, and related codes for the repair or replacement of electrical equipment for structures damaged by the storm that occurred on September 27, 2024, are hereby waived and released for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this resolution, through the 6th day of November, 2024.

2. This fee waiver and release applies only to electrical permit applications to the Building Inspections Department of Rutherford County for the purpose the repair and replacement from casualty events due to the storm of September 27, 2024. Applicants must submit documentation of the storm damage, such as insurance claims, photos, or other supporting evidence, to be eligible for the fee waiver. This fee waiver does not apply to any permits for new construction, repairs or improvements unrelated to damage from the storm of September 27, 2024.

3. The Building Inspections Department of Rutherford County is authorized and directed to establish procedures for implementing this resolution, including the verification of damage and issuance of permits without charge, in accordance with county ordinances and state statutes.



COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bryan King, *Chairman* | Alan Toney, *Vice Chairman* | Michael Benfield | David Hunt | Greg Lovelace  
Steve Garrison, *County Manager* | Hazel S. Haynes, *Clerk to the Board* | Richard Williams, *County Attorney*

4. The County Manager or designee is authorized to extend the waiver and release period for an additional thirty (30) days based on the extent of the recovery efforts.

5. All repairs and construction shall remain in compliance with any relevant building codes and ordinances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County of Rutherford has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its Chairman, attested by its Clerk to the Board, and its corporate Seal affixed, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan A. King, Chairman

Attest:

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Hazel Haynes, Clerk to the Board