

RESOLUTION NO: 2020-8-99

PROVISIONS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING AS A RESULT OF STORM DAMAGE

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020 a significant storm event occurred throughout the State of Iowa, including Linn County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the storm damage Linn County has been placed under a state disaster declaration; and

WHEREAS, significant damage to residences was caused by the storm, leaving many residents unable to occupy their homes; and

WHEREAS, county government has a responsibility to respond in times of emergency with appropriate assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors that residents whose homes were directly impacted by the storm and are unable to occupy their home as a result of storm damage, may establish temporary housing under the following provisions:

Types of allowable temporary housing: allowable temporary housing types shall be limited to mobile or manufactured homes, or self-contained recreational vehicles and campers;

Location of temporary housing: temporary housing units shall only be allowed on the same site as the storm-damaged home, or on a vacant parcel intended for construction of a new residence to replace the damaged residence;

Residence placarded: the storm-damaged home shall have been placarded as "unable to occupy" (e.g. a yellow or red placard as used in the Linn County damage assessments, or similar placard as used by another government agency as part of the damage assessment process);

Ownership established: the parcel where the temporary housing is proposed to be located shall be under the ownership (deed or contract) of the occupants of the temporary housing unit;

Permits required for placement of temporary housing unit: all permits shall be obtained prior to placement of the temporary housing unit, including (as required) building, zoning, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and permits from the Public Health Department for waste disposal and water supply;

Permits required for repair of storm-damaged home: all permits for the repair of the storm-damaged home, or for construction of a new residence, shall be obtained within 60 days of placement of the temporary housing unit, including (as required) zoning, building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and permits from the Public Health Department for waste disposal and water supply. Extenuating circumstances (e.g. uncertainty related to insurance coverage) will be taken into account in this timeframe

Duration of temporary housing: temporary housing units shall be removed and all utility hookups shall be properly disconnected no later than 240 calendar days from the effective date of this resolution. A resident may request, and the Linn County Planning & Development Department may approve a single extension not to exceed an additional 125 calendar days (for a maximum of 365 calendar days), should circumstances prevent the timely completion and occupancy of the storm-damaged home.

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Passed this 21st day of August, 2020.

Linn County Board of Supervisors


Chair


Vice Chair


Supervisor

Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

Attest:


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Joel Miller, Linn County Auditor