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Ascension Parish Waives Permit Fees for Flood Damage

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Kenny Matassa reiterated Monday that parish residents and business owners who experienced flood damage from the great storm of 2016 and have work to do that will require a permit; the charge for that permit will be waived.

“It was brought to my attention that the Louisiana Homebuilders Association claims we are waiving only electrical permit fees. We will be waiving all permit fees for those with flood damage,” said President Matassa.

“If you are just replacing sheetrock or doing minimal work that typically doesn’t require a permit, then you don’t need a permit now,” said parish Planning and Development Director Jerome Fournier. “If you’ve had flood damage and you have work to do that does require a permit, there will be no charge for that permit or inspection.”

Building Official Lavern Bourgeois said the types of work that will need a permit but will not carry a charge include building (if reconstruction), structural, electrical, mechanical and plumbing.

“If they are making substantial changes to the floorplan, they will need a plan review,” Fournier said. “Also, if a permit is required we will need to inspect the work performed to that permit. These requirements are for the safety of our homeowners and residents.”

Fournier added that starting this week, any new construction in Ascension Parish or any construction to a structure sustainably damaged by the flood event will require an elevation certificate regardless of the flood zone.

Residents or business owners with any questions regarding permits, certificates or inspections should contact the Planning and Development Department at (225) 450-1002.