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## Ascension Parish Waives Permits and Fees for Hurricane Reconstruction

If your home was damaged by Hurricane Ida, Ascension Parish Government has a little bit of bright news for you: you won't be required to obtain permits or pay permit fees to put it back into shape.

The parish building department is waiving permits and permit fees for work to bring houses back to their original pre-damaged condition. No permits will be required for replacing roof shingles, replacing roof decking, replacing roof rafters, or repairing minor wall damage.

"We want people to get back to their normal lives in their homes as quickly as possible," said Parish President Clint Cointment. "Waiving these permits and fees will make the process easier."

President Cointment stressed that permits and inspections will still be required for more complex work, such as replacing electrical wiring, new electrical wiring, new electrical panels, change out of AC units, and any structural repairs.

"If you're not sure if your damages meet the threshhold, please contact the Building Department at 225-450-1002," said President Cointment. "We'll send an inspector out right away to assess the damage to determine if permits are required."