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City waiving building permit fees for storm-related repairs

Kerrville (Feb. 22, 2021) – Starting Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, the City of Kerrville will waive building permit fees for repairs, reconstruction, and/or demolition related to the winter storm of Feb. 11-21, 2021 to restore the structure to pre-storm conditions. Applicable permit fees will be waived accordingly during this ongoing emergency for a period of 30 days. Through the MGO (My Government Online) permit application, the scope of work should include a statement clarifying that the work is related to the winter storm.

The following guidelines should be referred to when conducting repairs:

- Property owners or licensed general contractors are required to obtain a building permit, but the fees will be waived if they can demonstrate the repairs being completed are storm-related. The Chief Building Official will confirm that the repairs are storm-related and Development Services will proceed to waive or refund fees as needed.

- Property owners or licensed plumbers do not require a permit for minor emergency repairs on freeze-damaged or leaking water pipes provided the repair does not exceed five feet in length.
- A plumbing permit is required if a repair exceeds five feet in length or where multiple water pipes are broken, generally affecting the entire plumbing system of a building.
- Contractors that have not registered with the City of Kerrville will be required to do so through Development Services.
- In certain cases, repairs and relief cannot wait. If repairs have been completed without a permit, the city requires that the repairs be left uncovered and accessible for a building inspector to verify that the work that has been completed complies with the city code. A permit is still required unless it meets the guidelines listed above.

Be aware of fraudulent contractors that may be taking advantage of the winter storm emergency. All contractors must be registered with the City of Kerrville. Homeowners may request a copy of a building permit from the contractor and/or Development Services.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Development Services at (830) 258-1514, or visit <https://www.kerrvilletx.gov/1777/Development-Services>.