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Planning & Development Department Ready to Assist After the Flood

In light of the recent flooding, the Planning and Development Department is ready to assist property owners, both within city limits and within the extraterritorial jurisdiction, with the necessary permits and inspections required for making repairs after the event.

If property owners hire contractors to help with the repairs it is important to make sure that the contractors are registered in Norfolk to assure that repairs are done correctly. Contractors and property owners making their own repairs are asked to call for the appropriate permits before working on the repairs and inspections throughout. Property owners have the rights to see a copy of the permit and inspection reports. By requiring permits, this not only helps ensure that repairs will be done safely and properly, but it helps track the damage that was done by the flood waters.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires that a flood plain permit is needed for all development, including repair and reconstruction, in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA). The Planning and Development Department can help determine if your property is in the SFHA. Doing this helps ensure that we stay in compliance with the NFIP.

If you're unsure about whether or not you will need a building permit to make the necessary repairs to your property, you can call an inspector to come and offer advice and see if a permit would be required.

For questions or to ask for an inspection, please call the Planning and Development Department at 402-844-2060.

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