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## **Waiver for Qualified Vendors of Alcoholic Beverages: Licensed Premises Destroyed by Hurricane Ian in the Town of Fort Myers Beach/Lee County**

Certain Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (DABT) licensees within the Town of Ft. Myers Beach or Lee County whose licensed premises were destroyed as a result of Hurricane Ian may apply for a temporary extension of their licensed premises. This temporary extension will require a renewable, temporary 180-day zoning approval from the local zoning authorities of the Town of Fort Myers Beach. In an effort to assist these licensees in their business recoveries from severe, storm-related hardships, the required \$100 fee for a temporary extension of a licensed premises is waived by [EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-04](#). Upon expiration of the initial temporary zoning approval, the licensee will be required to have the zoning approval renewed by the local authorities. The subsequent renewal would require a 180-day reapplication with DABT for temporary extensions of licensed premises with recurring fee payments being waived by [EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-04](#).

### **DO I QUALIFY FOR A TEMPORARY EXTENSION?**

In order to qualify, you must be licensed by the DABT as an alcoholic beverage vendor, on or before September 28, 2022, pursuant to sections 563.02, 564.02 or 565.02(1)(b-f), Florida Statutes; **and** have your licensed premises located within Lee County, Florida, **and** have had your licensed premises destroyed as a result of Hurricane Ian, **and** have temporary zoning approval from the local zoning authority for a temporary extension of premises.

### **HOW DO I APPLY FOR A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF MY LICENSED PREMISES?**

The application and instructions to apply for a temporary extension of your licensed premises are available through the [Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Application Center](#). Completed applications may be mailed or hand delivered to the Fort Myers Licensing District office located at 2295 Victoria Ave, Suite 145, Fort Myers, FL 33901. For additional information regarding the submission of the application, please contact the district office by phone at (239) 344-0885.

### **WHAT IS THE FEE FOR A TEMPORARY EXTENSION?**

Recurring fee payments of \$100 for a temporary extension of a licensed premises are waived by [EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-04](#).