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## STATE OF FLORIDA Pile #: DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

IN RE: WAIVER OF FEES
ASSOCIATED WITH ELEVATORS
AND EXPIRATON OF WORK PERMITS

## **EMERGENCY ORDER 2022-06**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian made landfall on Florida's western Gulf Coast as a major hurricane and caused significant damage to various counties in the State;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian and the damage it caused poses a significant threat to the entire State of Florida and, as such, requires timely precautions to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of the State;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order 2022-218 on September 23, 2022, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219 on September 24, 2022, pursuant to the authority vested in him by article IV, section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, authorized each state agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statutes, orders, or rules if strict compliance with the provision would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE S. GRIFFIN, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation ("Department"), pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Ian, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes

related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Therefore, I order the following:

## **Hotels and Restaurants**

- Permit fees associated with replacing, relocating, and repairing elevators regulated by the
  Department, where such replacement, relocation, and repair arises from the damages
  caused by Hurricane Ian and its effects, are hereby waived for elevators having a current
  license issued by the Department in the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bradford,
  Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Desoto, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades,
  Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy,
  Manatee, Marion, Martin, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach,
  Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Union,
  and Volusia. Only fees assessed by the Department are waived for the following permit
  types:
  - a. The permit fee of \$250, pursuant to section 399.03(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 61C-5.006(1)(a)1, Florida Administrative Code, for installing an elevator; and
  - b. The permit fee of \$250, pursuant to section 399.03(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 61C-5.006(1)(a)1, Florida Administrative Code, for relocating an elevator; and
  - c. The permit fee \$200, pursuant to section 399.03(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 61C-5.006(1)(a)2, Florida Administrative Code, for altering an elevator.
- 2. Due to anticipated statewide labor and material shortages, the provisions of section 399.03(4), Florida Statutes and Rule 61C-5.006(1)(c), Florida Administrative Code, are suspended for all Florida counties to the extent that a permit issued to install, relocate, or

alter an elevator will not expire or become invalid if the work authorized by such permit

is not commenced within 6 months after the date of issuance or within a shorter period of

time as the Department may specify at the time the permit is issued. Additionally, a

permit issued to install, relocate, or alter an elevator will not expire or become invalid if

the work authorized by such permit is suspended or abandoned for a period of 60 days or

such shorter period of time as the Department may specify at the time the permit is

issued, after the work has been started.

The effective date of this Order shall correspond with the effective date of Executive Order

2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, and any amendments, and shall expire on

November 22, 2022, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this 25th day of October, 2022, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

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Filed on this date, with The designated Agency Clerk, Receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

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