

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Howard Tipton, Town Manager

From: Allen Parsons, AICP
Director, Planning, Zoning & Building Department

Report Date: October 24, 2024

Meeting Date: November 4, 2024

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Assistance with Completion of Substantial Damage Assessment Associated with Hurricane Helene

Recommended Action

Authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU with the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM).

Background

This MOU is the formal documentation required to allow the FDEM to assist the Town with the completion of Substantial Damage Estimates, which are required under Section 1206 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (“DRRA”), as it relates to Federal Declaration DR-4828-FL (“Hurricane Helene”). Initial damage estimates following Hurricane Helene indicate approximately 2,200 structures in the Town were potentially impacted by storm damage.

This assistance is available because, on September 29, 2024, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) issued Federal Declaration DR-4828-FL in response to Helene, designating the Town of Longboat Key as one of several counties eligible for public assistance, including DRRA Section 1206-related projects.

The MOU provides that FDEM will assume legal responsibility for implementing the provisions of DRRA Section 1206 within Municipal limits, as applicable under DR-4828-FL, and will assist the Town with completing the required Substantial Damage Assessments.

Staff Recommendation

Authorize the Mayor to execute the MOU with the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

Attachment

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Town of Longboat Key (Available in the Town Clerk’s Office)

End of Agenda Item