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Temporary Habitable Structure Information

City Council has reinstated the permit requirements for Temporary Habitable Structures. All Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM), and privately owned RVs will require a permit in the City of Cape Coral.

Temporary Habitable Structures provided by FEMA or FDEM will require an inspection of the primary structure by a City Building Official or their designee to determine if the property is uninhabitable. Temporary Habitable Structure permits are good for six months, require ACTIVE building permits, and must be connected to utilities by a licensed contractor (e.g., electrician and plumber – these will require additional inspections). If FEMA or FDEM places a temporary habitable structure on a property in Cape Coral, their contractor will apply for the necessary permits.

Privately owned RVs may be utilized as Temporary Habitable Structures. Before obtaining approval for a 6-month permit, an inspection will be required of the primary structure by a City Building Official or their designee to determine whether the property is uninhabitable. Privately owned RVs will also require active building permits, a licensed contractor for electrical and plumbing connections, and require additional inspections.

To apply for a Temporary Habitable Structure permit for a privately owned RV, you may sign on to your existing Citizen Self Service (CSS) account by searching "Temporary Habitable Structure" and following all additional instructions to apply.

If you do not have an active CSS account, please visit

<https://energovweb.capecoral.gov/EnerGovProd/selfservice#/register> and follow all steps to create your account. Upon creating your account, you will receive an email and need to confirm it to move forward with the registration process. Once the account has been created, a Temporary Habitable Structure permit request can be made by searching "Temporary Habitable Structure" and following all additional instructions to apply.

******THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS FOR PROPERTIES DEEMED UNINHABITABLE FROM HURRICANE DAMAGE.******

*****ALL OTHER VEHICLES FOR HUMAN HABITATION (RV) ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES MUST FOLLOW THE RV PERMIT REGULATIONS SHOWN BELOW.*****

Resident - Vehicles for human habitation: When a vehicle for human habitation is owned or leased by the person who also owns or leases the residential property on which such vehicle is to be parked, such vehicle for human habitation may be parked upon the premises of the resident for a period **not exceeding 72 hours** for loading and cleaning, provided that a **permit is first obtained** from the City. A vehicle for human habitation may be parked upon the resident's premises for unloading after a trip for a period of 72 hours, provided that a permit is first obtained from the City. There shall be a minimum of a 48-hour interval between the expiration of one permit and the issuance of another.

Non-resident - Vehicles for human habitation: When used for transportation of visitors to visit friends or members of the visitors' family residing in Cape Coral, they may, upon obtaining a permit from the City, be parked upon the premises of the visited family for a **period not exceeding ten days**.

Permits may be obtained through EnerGov CSS (an account needs to be created using the link above) and shall be affixed to the vehicle in a prominent place on the street.