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TO: Brunswick County Planning Department
    Brunswick County Code Administration

FROM: Helen Evans Bunch, CZO
      Zoning Administrator

RE: Permitting for Temporary Housing Following Hurricane Florence

This memo is in response to the questions regarding how temporary housing will be addressed following Hurricane Florence. The Brunswick County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) addresses temporary housing following a significant natural disaster. Temporary housing includes mobile homes, campers (including travel trailers, recreational vehicles or tiny homes), FEMA emergency housing, and other relief organization housing. Section 5.5.3.B. of the UDO states that temporary housing may be placed anywhere in the County for up to 120 days without obtaining a temporary use permit.

After the expiration of the 120-day period, the temporary housing may remain for up to six-months with the issuance of a temporary use permit by the Brunswick County Planning Department. This is intended to give time to make repairs. In certain situations, a three-month extension can be granted to provide time to make the structure habitable, provided it will be their permanent residence. Extensions can only be granted based upon a case-by-case basis.

For your convenience, a copy of Section 5.5.3.B. from the Brunswick County Unified Development Ordinance is attached. Please contact me at helen.bunch@brunswickcountync.gov or at 910-253-2035 if you have questions or concerns.

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Cc: Kirstie Dixon, Planning Director

Attachment: Section 5.5.3.B. and C.