



THE TOWN OF *INDIAN RIVER SHORES*

6001 Highway A1A, Indian River Shores, FL 32963

Residential Permit Exemption for Certain Work Under \$7,500

Effective July 1, 2026, House Bill 803 (HB 803) amended Section 553.79, FS providing a limited exemption from building permit requirements for certain residential work valued at less than \$7,500.

This exemption is limited and applies only when all the statutory conditions below are satisfied.

To qualify for the exemption:

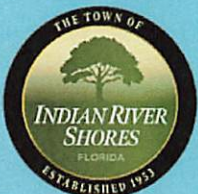
- The work must be performed on a single-family dwelling.
- The total value of the work must be less than \$7,500.
- The owner or contractor must submit the required written request for exemption by completing an exemption form and providing documentation demonstrating the nature and value of the work.
- The project may not be divided or phased into multiple smaller projects for the purpose of avoiding permitting requirements.

The exemption does **NOT** apply to:

- Electrical work
- Plumbing work
- Mechanical work
- Gas work
- Work requiring a permit under the Florida Building Code, including but not limited to roof replacements, window replacements, exterior door replacements, siding installation or replacement, and other work affecting the building envelope or structural integrity
- Fence located on property with a pool.
- Any work performed on a structure located wholly or partially within a Special Flood Hazard Area, as defined by the Florida Building Code

Please remember that project value alone does not determine whether a permit is required. Many common residential improvement projects—including roofing, windows, exterior doors, and siding—continue to require permits regardless of project cost.

If you are uncertain whether your project qualifies for the exemption, we encourage you to contact the Town of Indian River Shores Building Department by email at inspections@indianrivershores.gov.



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BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTION APPLICATION

Date: _____

Property Address: _____

Property Owner: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Contractor/Qualifier: _____ Company Name: _____

License #: _____ County Comp Card #: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Job Value: \$ _____

Provide Scope of Work:

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Temporary Residential Hurricane and Flood Protection Walls or Barriers

A local government that issues building permits shall exempt an owner of a single-family dwelling or the owner's contractor is exempt from the requirement to obtain a building permit for the installation of temporary residential hurricane and flood protection walls or barriers only if the following conditions are met.

1. The wall or barrier is non-load bearing.
2. The wall or barrier is installed on the residential property of a single-family structure.
3. The wall or barrier is installed by a contractor licensed under part I of Chapter 489.
4. The wall or barrier complies with applicable local zoning, drainage, easement, and setback requirements.
5. NOTE: This exemption does not apply to any property that is entirely or partially located in a Flood Hazard Area.

SEPARATE PAGE

Attach the following to the Application

PLEASE ATTACH A SIGNED COPY OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORK

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

I, Owner or Owner's Contractor, hereby request that, in accordance with Florida State Statute 553.79 (2026 HB 803), the proposed building work I am conducting at _____ be exempt for the following reasons:

- ☐ The structure where work is to be completed is a single-family dwelling,
- ☐ The work is valued at less than \$7,500,
- ☐ The property is not partially or entirely located in a special flood hazard area,
- ☐ The work to be conducted includes a fence with *no pool* located on the property.
- ☐ And the project has not been divided into more than one project to evade permitting requirements.
- ☐ Temporary Residential Hurricane and Flood Protection Walls or Barriers.

Building Permit Exemption Certificate (Florida Statute 553-79 / 2026 HB 803):

I, _____, certify that the proposed work is exempt from building permit requirements because it is valued under \$7,500 or consists of temporary hurricane/flood barriers. I affirm that all provided information is accurate, the work complies with all applicable laws, and the project is non-structural, explicitly excluding electrical, plumbing, mechanical, or gas work. Furthermore, the project was not split or contacted in any manner to evade permit rules. If the project scope changes and no longer meets these criteria, this exemption becomes void, and the work will immediately be subject to the standard building permit process.

PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE

CONTRACTOR LICENSE HOLDER SIGNATURE

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 20____ personally appeared _____ who is _____ personally known to me or has _____ produced identification.

Type of identification produced _____

Official Signature of Notary Public Notary Seal