



## Community Improvement Department Activity Update

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, the South Pasadena Community Improvement Department has been working diligently to address substantial damage determinations and permitting in order to facilitate the recovery process. Immediately following Hurricane Helene, the City requested support from the State of Florida in the form of personnel to assist with substantial damage assessments, plan review, inspections, and permitting. Unfortunately, the devastation from the storms was so widespread that support resources have been scarce. To date, three inspectors have been provided by other jurisdictions, each for a period of 8 days. Though brief, this assistance was greatly appreciated. The City's request for support personnel has remained active since Hurricane Helene while staff works to process permits and assist the public as efficiently as possible.

### **Permitting and Substantial Damage Determination Data** **October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024**

<b>Total Permit Applications Received</b>	<b>437</b>
Permits Issued	135
Incomplete Permit Applications Awaiting Additional Documentation	240
Permit Applications Under Review	62

For reference, in the same time period for the previous year (October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023), 168 permit applications were received and 152 permits were issued.

Substantial Damage Determination Letters Sent	576
Substantial Damage Determinations Remaining	81

The City has not received sufficient information for some structures in order for substantial damage determinations to be made. Staff is actively seeking the required information in order for the remaining letters to be issued.

For more information about permitting activity or substantial damage determinations, contact the Community Improvement Department at [buildingdepartment@mysouthpasadena.com](mailto:buildingdepartment@mysouthpasadena.com) or 727-343-4192.