

Planning, Building & Zoning Department

May 2019

Monthly Report

Permits/Inspections/Plan Review Information

Staff business report:

- ❖ **226 permits were issued in April up from last year's 193**
- ❖ **Performed 182 inspections**
- ❖ **17 Plan reviews/re-reviews**
- ❖ **Issued 2 stop work order**

Scott Henrick attended the Building Officials Association of SC Annual Meeting in May. The conference shared information on common issues with plan reviews and permits. Classes were held for proposed changes to the codes in 2020 with time for questions. This conference was very beneficial to the town.

The town held a Hurricane Workshop in the Civic Center on May 22, 2019. Over 60 residents and property owners attended. We were excited to have great participation from the public and appreciate the stakeholder participation from Ocean, Coastal and Resource Management (OCRM), Red Cross, Moore and Associates Insurance, United Contractors Roofing. In house departments that participated were: Planning, Building & Zoning (Director, certified in stormwater and floodplain management), Permit/Flood Coordinator (certified in floodplain management), Code Enforcement Official, certified in floodplain management and is a certified building official); Public Works (Director, certified in stormwater & floodplain management); Fire Department (Fire Chief certified in floodplain management and is a certified building official). We look forward to holding these workshops annually with the public.

**REMINDER: HURRICANE SEASON IS FROM JUNE 1ST – NOVEMBER 30TH, 2019.
Now is the time to get prepared!**

- Plan ahead – know what you'll do if a hurricane could impact your area, how to contact your family, and any community emergency plans.
- Sign up for **CodeRED®** Mobile Alert App – The free, available app is geo-aware so no matter where you are when an alert is issued, you will receive notifications that affect you – right on your mobile device. The app delivers information from community officials in areas that are subscribed to the **CodeRED®** Emergency Notification System. The free app is available on Horry County's [website](#).
- Stay tuned for the latest information. **Follow the guidance of your local officials** and check media and weather reports via official sources, including social media.
- Consider purchasing flood insurance to protect your property from potential flood damage.
 - Most homeowner's policies do not cover flood damage.
 - Flood insurance takes 30 days to become effective – don't wait until the last minute!
- Based on your location and community plans, make your own plans for evacuation or sheltering in place.

- Become familiar with your evacuation zone, the evacuation route and shelter locations.
- **Evacuate if told to do so.**
- Gather needed supplies for at least 3 days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Don't forget the needs of pets.
- Keep important documents in a safe place or create a password protected digital copies.
- Protect your property. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves in plumbing to prevent backups. Consider hurricane shutters. Review insurance policies.
- Plan how to communicate with family members if you lose power. For example, you can call, text email or use social media. Remember that during disasters, sending text messages is usually reliable and faster than making phone calls because phone lines are often overloaded,