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CITY OF PLEASANT HILL MAYOR SIGNS EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION; GOVERNOR'S DISASTER PROCLAMATION

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – The City of Pleasant Hill Mayor, Sara Kurovski, has signed an Emergency Proclamation to address recovery from the EF2 tornado that impacted the community on Friday, April 26. The proclamation waives building permit fees for fences and accessory structures and suspends the City ordinance that addresses non-conforming structure placement.

“The storms devastated an area of our community that has homes built during several different decades of City Ordinances,” Mayor Sara Kurovski said. “We strive to make the process of rebuilding as easy as we can by allowing reconstruction and repairs of pre-existing structures and fences in the same locations they were before the storm without navigating our current code requirements for placement and waiving fees for fences and accessory structures like a detached garage or shed. Our community is strong and has come together to recover from the severe destruction.”

Pleasant Hill’s recovery from the EF2 tornado could take months. The City of Pleasant Hill is committed to the efforts to restore the community.

[View the Mayor’s Emergency Proclamation](#) (PDF)

The Governor added Polk County to the State’s Disaster Proclamation. This adds resources available to residents impacted by the storms.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/assistance. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Advocacy Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case advocates work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referrals to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor’s proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Advocacy Program, contact your local community action agency or visit iowacommunityaction.org.

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