



VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY  
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Gregory H. Truitt, Interim  
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Date

**REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS**

Requests are filled in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 119 and 257, Florida Statutes.

DATE: 3-11-20

NAME: Xinyang Wu

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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REQUEST (Attach additional page, if necessary): Copies of the following documents:

\* Please see attached email for description of request.

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DATE FORWARDED: 3-11-20

ASSIGNED DEPT: Building

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## Melissa Dodge

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**From:** Missy Arocha  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:45 AM  
**To:** Melissa Dodge  
**Subject:** FW: Village of Palmetto Bay-Public Records Request - Building Permits Water Intrusion - Hurricane Irma

Please log, process, and acknowledge.

Respectfully,



*Missy Arocha*

Village Clerk / Passport Acceptance Facility Manager

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**From:** wuxinyang <wuxinyang@ufl.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:08 AM  
**To:** Missy Arocha <marocha@palmettobay-fl.gov>  
**Cc:** dprev@ce.ufl.edu; oscar.lafontaine@ufl.edu; Wesley Maltby <wmaltby@palmettobay-fl.gov>  
**Subject:** Village of Palmetto Bay-Public Records Request - Building Permits Water Intrusion - Hurricane Irma

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Dear Public Records Manager,

My name is Xinyang Wu and I am graduate assistant working for Dr. David Prevatt from Univeristy of Florida. We are conducting a research project on behalf of the Florida Building Commission. The focus of the work is to study the water-intrusion into condominium units following Hurricane Irma (10 September 2017). I was in charge of collecting information on building permits and repairs for apartment units that may have been damaged by water for the three years 2016, 2017, and 2018.

We hereby request information on building repair permits filed within your jurisdiction, that documents the owners seeking permission to carry out construction work related to the repair of water intrusion damage within high-rise buildings affected by the Hurricane Irma.

In addition, for comparison purposes we would like to also collect the building permit information for the 3 months before and after the hurricane landfall, and for the equivalent 6-month periods in 2016 (year before), and 2018 (the year after) Hurricane Irma .

Our study is focused on high-rise buildings defined as structures above 10 stories. With your help we will identify whether any correlations exists between wind-driven rain, wind direction, apartment height above ground, building code of original construction etc. and the extent of water damage that occurred.

If you require further clarifications, please contact me ([wuxinyang@ufl.edu](mailto:wuxinyang@ufl.edu) or 352-328-7782) or Dr. David Prevatt ([dprev@ce.ufl.edu](mailto:dprev@ce.ufl.edu) or 352-294-7798 ) .

Sincerely,

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