The Recovery Continues: #Sandy News Roundup

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New Yorkers won't be forgetting about Superstorm Sandy and its aftermath anytime soon — and neither will elected officials.

Both Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Michael Bloomberg have separately announced programs to help residents and businesses dealing with the new normal caused by the hurricane.

Cuomo announced today the fourteen-day extension of the transitional sheltering assistance program through FEMA. The program covers hotel stays for those whose homes were destroyed by the storm. Those in need of assistance can register here . Cuomo said in a statement that the state will continue to request extensions from FEMA for "as long as New Yorker's need it."

Meanwhile, Bloomberg delivered on a promise from his State of the City adress and has signed an executive order that waives a number of fees for businesses recovering from Sandy.

“As I said last week, we need our businesses to recover from Hurricane Sandy as quickly as possible, and we’ll make sure government doesn’t stand in their way,” said Bloomberg in a statement. “Reinvesting in our hardest-hit areas is key to rebuilding our economy and creating jobs in the neighborhoods that need them most.”

The fees waived are:

- **Department of Buildings:** Application, permit and inspection fees for plumbing, scaffolds, sidewalk sheds, fences, signs, boilers, demolition, elevators, construction, limited alteration applications and after hours variances.
- **Fire Department:** Fees for inspection and testing of liquid motor fuel dispensing system

installations; acceptance testing of fire protection systems, including fire alarm systems, fire extinguishing systems and fire pumps; review of design and installation documents for liquid motor fuel dispensing systems and fire protection systems.

- **Department of Environmental Protection:** Fees related to asbestos review tracking system, boiler registration, certificates of operation, demolition registration, registration to operate a portable generator, gasoline dispensing sites, spray painting requirements.

- **Department of Small Business Services:** Fees related to waterfront construction work, equipment use permits, mooring permits, fill work permits and certificates of completion.

- **Department of Transportation:** Street opening permits, building operations and construction activity permist, debris container, sidewalk construction permits, vault permits and canopy permits.
- **Department of Consumer Affairs:** Fees related to special sales license, tow truck replacement inspection, pedicab inspection fees.
- **Landmarks Preservation Commission:** Fees related to certificates of appropriateness and certificates of no effect.

Meanwhile, Good Jobs New York is keeping track of federal aid for Sandy on their "Keeping an Eye on Sandy Recovery Money" page. It's a good resource for those who want to see where money is going, who is spending it and on what.

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