



Florida League of Cities Center for Municipal Research & Innovation

MiniSurvey Series – Hurricane Debris Removal

The Center for Municipal Research & Innovation conducted a survey of the 412 municipalities in Florida regarding recent hurricane debris removal and any difficulties they may have experienced. The survey was conducted electronically from October 18 - November 12, 2017 with a response rate of 39% or 160 cities.

Key Take-Aways

Of municipalities who responded:

- **85% of cities have an adopted emergency management plan pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes.**
- **56% of cities did not authorize the waiver of building fees, etc. to facilitate recovery following the storms of 2016 and/or 2017.**
 - The majority of cities that did authorize fee waivers applied waivers to building permits for storm-related damage.
- **72% of cities had pre-positioned contracts for storm debris collection and disposal in preparation for Hurricane Irma.**
- **25% of cities had issues with vendors adhering to debris disposal contracts.**
 - The most common issues encountered were slow response and lack of resources.
- **80% of cities did not adopt any emergency ordinances for non-competitive bidding.**

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