

Galveston Historical Foundation Windstorm Exemption Program



Why is the Windstorm Exemption important?

It helps maintain the architectural integrity of Galveston's historic building stock. If your historic building (either residential or commercial) is damaged during a storm, the exemption will allow you to replace damaged windows, shutters, doors, and other character defining elements with in-kind items rather than those that meet the current code requirements. In addition, if your building is over 50% damaged in a storm, and the property is not exempt, you may **not** rebuild the structure. Similarly, buildings severely damaged in a flood that are not covered by the exemption must be raised to meet new flood plain codes. However, the Windstorm Exemption does **not** offer a reduced rate for your insurance coverage.

1. Fill out application on the reverse side of this page (form **WEA-1**).
2. Return application to: **Windstorm Exemption, Galveston Historical Foundation, 502 20th Street, Galveston, TX 77550.**
3. GHF will comment and send to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in Austin.
4. THC will determine whether your property qualifies for the exemption. The original form is then sent back to the building owner.
5. If your property is declared eligible, make a copy of the WEA-1 form and submit to your Windstorm insurance agent.
6. When complete, the building owner, GHF, THC, and the insurance agent will all have copies (building owner should retain the original).

Windstorm Exemption Application (WEA-1)

Please fill out this form, attach a photograph of your house or building and return it to:
Windstorm Exemption, Galveston Historical Foundation, 502 20th Street, Galveston, TX 77550.
 Forms will be processed and submitted to the Texas Historical Commission. You will be notified by mail of exemption eligibility within 60 days. Present approved eligibility form to your insurance agent.

 Address Number Address Street Zip Code +4

 District or Neighborhood Date of Construction

 Owner Last Name Owner First Name Phone Number

 Mailing Address City State Zip Code +4

Designations

___ RTHL
 ___ NR
 ___ NHL

 Owner Signature Printed Name Date

PLEASE NOTE:

Color photographs only.

Polaroids will not be accepted. Digital photos printed on inkjet or laser printers are allowed. Please size the photo to fit the space allowed (4X6) on the form when printing.

Questions about this form?

Call: 409.765.7834

Galveston Historical Foundation

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..... **For Office Use Only**

 Signature Date
 Galveston Historical Foundation

Brian M. Davis
 Printed Name

Director of Preservation Services Department
 Title

 Signature Date
 Texas Historical Commission, For F. Lawrence Oaks, SHPO

Charles M. Peveto
 Printed Name

Architectural Historian
 Title

Structure: ___ eligible
 ___ not eligible

GHF Comment Only. The Texas Historical Commission determines final eligibility.

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 ___ not eligible

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