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## **Heron Pond Condominiums Notification Served**

**Pembroke Pines, FL** (September 21, 2023) – City of Pembroke Pines Officials have notified the Heron Pond Condominium Association that it has 30 days from today to provide Engineering Reports on the structural integrity of the remaining 13 occupied buildings within Heron Pond, located at 8400 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Pembroke Pines.

To date, six of the buildings within Heron Pond-- 2, 3, 5, 10, 14, and 16 -- have been evacuated upon receiving Unsafe Structure Notifications pursuant to the Florida Building Code and Florida Fire Prevention Code.

While a Technical Analysis of all buildings in the community was requested in May 2023, to date, the City has not received a detailed comprehensive report, plans or permit applications for repairs, rehabilitation, demolition, or corrective action. Further, the Heron Pond Condominium Association has only provided the City with preliminary structural reports for 6 of the 19 buildings on the property since May, all of which were subsequently deemed as Unsafe Structures by City officials upon receipt of the reports. The Heron Pond Condominium Association has not submitted a report to the City since September 1 and has not submitted a building permit application to commence work on the buildings that have been vacated.

City Officials remain concerned about the conditions of the buildings within Heron Pond. Therefore, if within the allotted time of 30 days from today, September 21, 2023, Engineering Reports on the Structural Integrity of the remaining occupied buildings are not provided, the City will have no choice but to protect the health and safety of the residents that reside in the Heron Pond Condominiums and issue a 10-day notice of eviction for all remaining buildings.

During the 30-day period that the required information is prepared, submitted, and reviewed by the City, buildings within Heron Pond may still be deemed as Unsafe to Occupy by the City Building Official and/or the Fire Marshal based on further information obtained.

The City understands residents and renters of units at the Heron Pond Condominiums will be impacted by this potential public safety action should it need to be taken and encourage all to address the situation directly with their land lord, owner, or the Condominium Association.

Media seeking information may reach Marianne Wohlert at 954-392-2076.

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