

National Flood Insurance Program

Elevation Certificate and Instructions

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ELEVATION CERTIFICATE AND INSTRUCTIONS

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Authority: Title 44 CFR § 61.7 and 61.8.

Principal Purpose(s): This information is being collected for the primary purpose of documenting compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain management ordinances for new or substantially improved structures in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas. This form may also be used as an optional tool for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Conditional LOMA (CLOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F), or Conditional LOMR-F (CLOMR-F), or for flood insurance rating purposes in any flood zone.

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Disclosure: The disclosure of information on this form is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information requested may impact the flood insurance premium through the NFIP. Information will only be released as permitted by law.

PURPOSE OF THE ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the NFIP. It can be used to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances, to inform the proper insurance premium, and to support a request for a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F.

The Elevation Certificate is used to document floodplain management compliance for Post-Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) buildings, which are buildings constructed after publication of the FIRM, located in flood Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, AO, A (with Base Flood Elevation (BFE)), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO, and A99. It may also be used to provide elevation information for Pre-FIRM buildings or buildings in any flood zone.

As part of the agreement for making flood insurance available in a community, the NFIP requires the community to adopt floodplain management regulations that specify minimum requirements for reducing flood losses. One such requirement is for the community to obtain the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved buildings, and maintain a record of such information. The Elevation Certificate provides a way for a community to document compliance with the community's floodplain management ordinance.

Use of this certificate does not provide a waiver of the flood insurance purchase requirement. Only a LOMA or LOMR-F from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can amend the FIRM and remove the federal mandate for a lending institution to require the purchase of flood insurance. However, the lending institution has the option of requiring flood insurance even if a LOMA/LOMR-F has been issued by FEMA. The Elevation Certificate may be used to support a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request. Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG) elevations certified by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect, as authorized by state law, will be required if the certificate is used to support a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request. A LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request must be submitted with either a completed FEMA MT-EZ or MT-1 application package, whichever is appropriate. If the certificate will only be completed to support a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request, there is an option to document the certified LAG elevation on the Elevation Form included in the MT-EZ and MT-1 application.

This certificate is used only to certify building elevations. A separate certificate is required for floodproofing. Under the NFIP, non-residential buildings can be floodproofed up to or above the BFE. A floodproofed building is a building that has been designed and constructed to be watertight (substantially impermeable to floodwaters) below the BFE. Floodproofing of residential buildings is not permitted under the NFIP unless FEMA has granted the community an exception for residential floodproofed basements. The community must adopt standards for design and construction of floodproofed basements before FEMA will grant a basement exception. For both floodproofed non-residential buildings and residential floodproofed basements in communities that have been granted an exception by FEMA, a floodproofing certificate is required.

The expiration date on the form herein does not apply to certified and completed Elevation Certificates, as a completed Elevation Certificate does not expire, unless there is a physical change to the building that invalidates information in Section A Items A8 or A9, Section C, Section E, or Section H. In addition, this form is intended for the specific building referenced in Section A and is not invalidated by the transfer of building ownership.

Additional guidance can be found in FEMA Publication 467-1, *Floodplain Management Bulletin: Elevation Certificate*.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

IMPORTANT: MUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON PAGES 9-19

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

SECTION A – PROPERTY INFORMATION		FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
A1. Building Owner's Name:	Policy Number: _____	
A2. Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.:	Company NAIC Number: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____		
A3. Property Description (e.g., Lot and Block Numbers or Legal Description) and/or Tax Parcel Number:		
A4. Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Residential, Addition, Accessory, etc.): _____		
A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. _____ Long. _____ Horizontal Datum: <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 1927 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 1983 <input type="checkbox"/> WGS 84		
A6. Attach at least two and when possible four clear photographs (one for each side) of the building (see Form pages 7 and 8).		
A7. Building Diagram Number: _____		
A8. For a building with a crawlspace or enclosure(s):		
a) Square footage of crawlspace or enclosure(s): _____ sq. ft.		
b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of each enclosed area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
c) Enter number of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade: Non-engineered flood openings: _____ Engineered flood openings: _____		
d) Total net open area of non-engineered flood openings in A8.c: _____ sq. in.		
e) Total rated area of engineered flood openings in A8.c (attach documentation – see Instructions): _____ sq. ft.		
f) Sum of A8.d and A8.e rated area (if applicable – see Instructions): _____ sq. ft.		
A9. For a building with an attached garage:		
a) Square footage of attached garage: _____ sq. ft.		
b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of the attached garage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
c) Enter number of permanent flood openings in the attached garage within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade: Non-engineered flood openings: _____ Engineered flood openings: _____		
d) Total net open area of non-engineered flood openings in A9.c: _____ sq. in.		
e) Total rated area of engineered flood openings in A9.c (attach documentation – see Instructions): _____ sq. ft.		
f) Sum of A9.d and A9.e rated area (if applicable – see Instructions): _____ sq. ft.		
SECTION B – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION		
B1.a. NFIP Community Name: _____		B1.b. NFIP Community Identification Number: _____
B2. County Name: _____		B3. State: _____ B4. Map/Panel No.: _____ B5. Suffix: _____
B6. FIRM Index Date: _____		B7. FIRM Panel Effective/Revised Date: _____
B8. Flood Zone(s): _____		B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (BFE) (Zone AO, use Base Flood Depth): _____
B10. Indicate the source of the BFE data or Base Flood Depth entered in Item B9: <input type="checkbox"/> FIS <input type="checkbox"/> FIRM <input type="checkbox"/> Community Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
B11. Indicate elevation datum used for BFE in Item B9: <input type="checkbox"/> NGVD 1929 <input type="checkbox"/> NAVD 1988 <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Source: _____		
B12. Is the building located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) area or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Designation Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CBRS <input type="checkbox"/> OPA		
B13. Is the building located seaward of the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.:	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
City: _____	Policy Number: _____
State: _____	ZIP Code: _____
SECTION C – BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY REQUIRED)	

C1. Building elevations are based on: Construction Drawings* Building Under Construction* Finished Construction
 *A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.

C2. Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, AO, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO, A99. Complete Items C2.a–h below according to the Building Diagram specified in Item A7. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

Benchmark Utilized: _____ Vertical Datum: _____

Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below.

NGVD 1929 NAVD 1988 Other: _____

Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE. Conversion factor used?

If Yes, describe the source of the conversion factor in the Section D Comments area.

Yes No

Check the measurement used:

feet meters

SECTION D – SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, OR ARCHITECT CERTIFICATION

This certification is to be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect authorized by state law to certify elevation information. *I certify that the information on this Certificate represents my best efforts to interpret the data available. I understand that any false statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment under 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001.*

Were latitude and longitude in Section A provided by a licensed land surveyor? Yes No

Check here if attachments and describe in the Comments area.

Certifier's Name: Steven Rosenbaum License Number: 49307

Title: Owner

Company Name: Insight Inspections

Address: 4846 Proctor Oaks Ct.

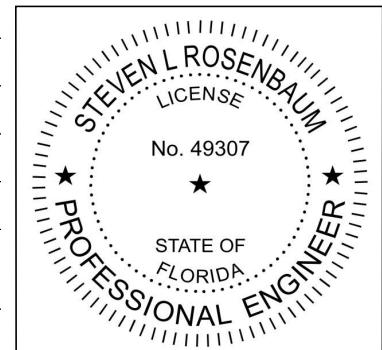
City: Sarasota State: FL ZIP Code: 34233

Signature:  Date: 11/15/2025

Telephone: (941) 224-9030 Ext.: Email: steve@insightinspections.net

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

Comments (including source of conversion factor in C2; type of equipment and location per C2.e; and description of any attachments):



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City: _____	Policy Number: _____
State: _____	ZIP Code: _____
Company NAIC Number: _____	

SECTION E – BUILDING MEASUREMENT INFORMATION (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) FOR ZONE AO, ZONE AR/AO, AND ZONE A (WITHOUT BFE)

For Zones AO, AR/AO, and A (without BFE), complete Items E1–E5. For Items E1–E4, use natural grade, if available. If the Certificate is intended to support a Letter of Map Change request, complete Sections A, B, and C. Check the measurement used. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

Building measurements are based on: Construction Drawings* Building Under Construction* Finished Construction

*A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.

E1. Provide measurements (C.2.a in applicable Building Diagram) for the following and check the appropriate boxes to show whether the measurement is above or below the natural HAG and the LAG.

a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is: _____ feet meters above or below the HAG.

b) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is: _____ feet meters above or below the LAG.

E2. For Building Diagrams 6–9 with permanent flood openings provided in Section A Items 8 and/or 9 (see pages 1–2 of Instructions), the next higher floor (C2.b in applicable Building Diagram) of the building is: _____ feet meters above or below the HAG.

E3. Attached garage (top of slab) is: _____ feet meters above or below the HAG.

E4. Top of platform of machinery and/or equipment servicing the building is: _____ feet meters above or below the HAG.

E5. Zone AO only: If no flood depth number is available, is the top of the bottom floor elevated in accordance with the community's floodplain management ordinance? Yes No Unknown The local official must certify this information in Section G.

SECTION F – PROPERTY OWNER (OR OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION

The property owner or owner's authorized representative who completes Sections A, B, and E for Zone A (without BFE) or Zone AO must sign here. *The statements in Sections A, B, and E are correct to the best of my knowledge*

Check here if attachments and describe in the Comments area.

Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____

Comments:

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

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City: _____	Policy Number: _____
State: _____	ZIP Code: _____
Company NAIC Number: _____	

SECTION G – COMMUNITY INFORMATION (RECOMMENDED FOR COMMUNITY OFFICIAL COMPLETION)

The local official who is authorized by law or ordinance to administer the community's floodplain management ordinance can complete Section A, B, C, E, G, or H of this Elevation Certificate. Complete the applicable item(s) and sign below when:

G1. The information in Section C was taken from other documentation that has been signed and sealed by a licensed surveyor, engineer, or architect who is authorized by state law to certify elevation information. (Indicate the source and date of the elevation data in the Comments area below.)

G2.a. A local official completed Section E for a building located in Zone A (without a BFE), Zone AO, or Zone AR/AO, or when item E5 is completed for a building located in Zone AO.

G2.b. A local official completed Section H for insurance purposes.

G3. In the Comments area of Section G, the local official describes specific corrections to the information in Sections A, B, E and H.

G4. The following information (Items G5–G11) is provided for community floodplain management purposes.

G5. Permit Number: _____ G6. Date Permit Issued: _____

G7. Date Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy Issued: _____

G8. This permit has been issued for: New Construction Substantial Improvement

G9.a. Elevation of as-built lowest floor (including basement) of the building: _____ feet meters Datum: _____

G9.b. Elevation of bottom of as-built lowest horizontal structural member: _____ feet meters Datum: _____

G10.a. BFE (or depth in Zone AO) of flooding at the building site: _____ feet meters Datum: _____

G10.b. Community's minimum elevation (or depth in Zone AO) requirement for the lowest floor or lowest horizontal structural member: _____ feet meters Datum: _____

G11. Variance issued? Yes No If yes, attach documentation and describe in the Comments area.

The local official who provides information in Section G must sign here. *I have completed the information in Section G and certify that it is correct to the best of my knowledge. If applicable, I have also provided specific corrections in the Comments area of this section.*

Local Official's Name: _____ Title: _____

NFIP Community Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2.e; description of any attachments; and corrections to specific information in Sections A, B, D, E, or H):

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City: _____	Policy Number: _____
State: _____	ZIP Code: _____
Company NAIC Number: _____	

SECTION H – BUILDING'S FIRST FLOOR HEIGHT INFORMATION FOR ALL ZONES (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) (FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ONLY)

The property owner, owner's authorized representative, or local floodplain management official may complete Section H for all flood zones to determine the building's first floor height for insurance purposes. Sections A, B, and I must also be completed. Enter heights to the nearest tenth of a foot (nearest tenth of a meter in Puerto Rico). **Reference the Foundation Type Diagrams (at the end of Section H Instructions) and the appropriate Building Diagrams (at the end of Section I Instructions) to complete this section.**

H1. Provide the height of the top of the floor (as indicated in Foundation Type Diagrams) above the Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG):

a) **For Building Diagrams 1A, 1B, 3, and 5–9.** Top of bottom floor (include above-grade floors only for buildings with subgrade crawlspaces or enclosure floors) is: _____ feet meters above the LAG

b) **For Building Diagrams 2A, 2B, 4, and 6–9.** Top of next higher floor (i.e., the floor above basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor) is: _____ feet meters above the LAG

H2. Is **all** Machinery and Equipment servicing the building (as listed in Item H2 instructions) elevated to or above the floor indicated by the H2 arrow (shown in the Foundation Type Diagrams at end of Section H instructions) for the appropriate Building Diagram?

Yes No

SECTION I – PROPERTY OWNER (OR OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION

The property owner or owner's authorized representative who completes Sections A, B, and H must sign here. *The statements in Sections A, B, and H are correct to the best of my knowledge.* **Note:** If the local floodplain management official completed Section H, they should indicate in Item G2.b and sign Section G.

Check here if attachments are provided (including required photos) and describe each attachment in the Comments area.

Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____

Comments:

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BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHS

See Instructions for Item A6.

Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.:	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____	Policy Number: _____
	Company NAIC Number: _____

Instructions: Insert below at least two and when possible four photographs showing each side of the building (for example, may only be able to take front and back pictures of townhouses/rowhouses). Identify all photographs with the date taken and "Front View," "Rear View," "Right Side View," or "Left Side View." Photographs must show the foundation. When flood openings are present, include at least one close-up photograph of representative flood openings or vents, as indicated in Sections A8 and A9.



Photo One

Photo One Caption: Front view, 11/15/2025

[Clear Photo One](#)



Photo Two

Photo Two Caption: Rear view & elevated water heater 11/15/2025

[Clear Photo Two](#)

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Continuation Page

Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.:

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE

Policy Number: _____

Company NAIC Number: _____

Insert the third and fourth photographs below. Identify all photographs with the date taken and "Front View," "Rear View," "Right Side View," or "Left Side View." When flood openings are present, include at least one close-up photograph of representative flood openings or vents, as indicated in Sections A8 and A9.



Photo Three

Photo Three Caption: N side flood vents, 11/15/2025



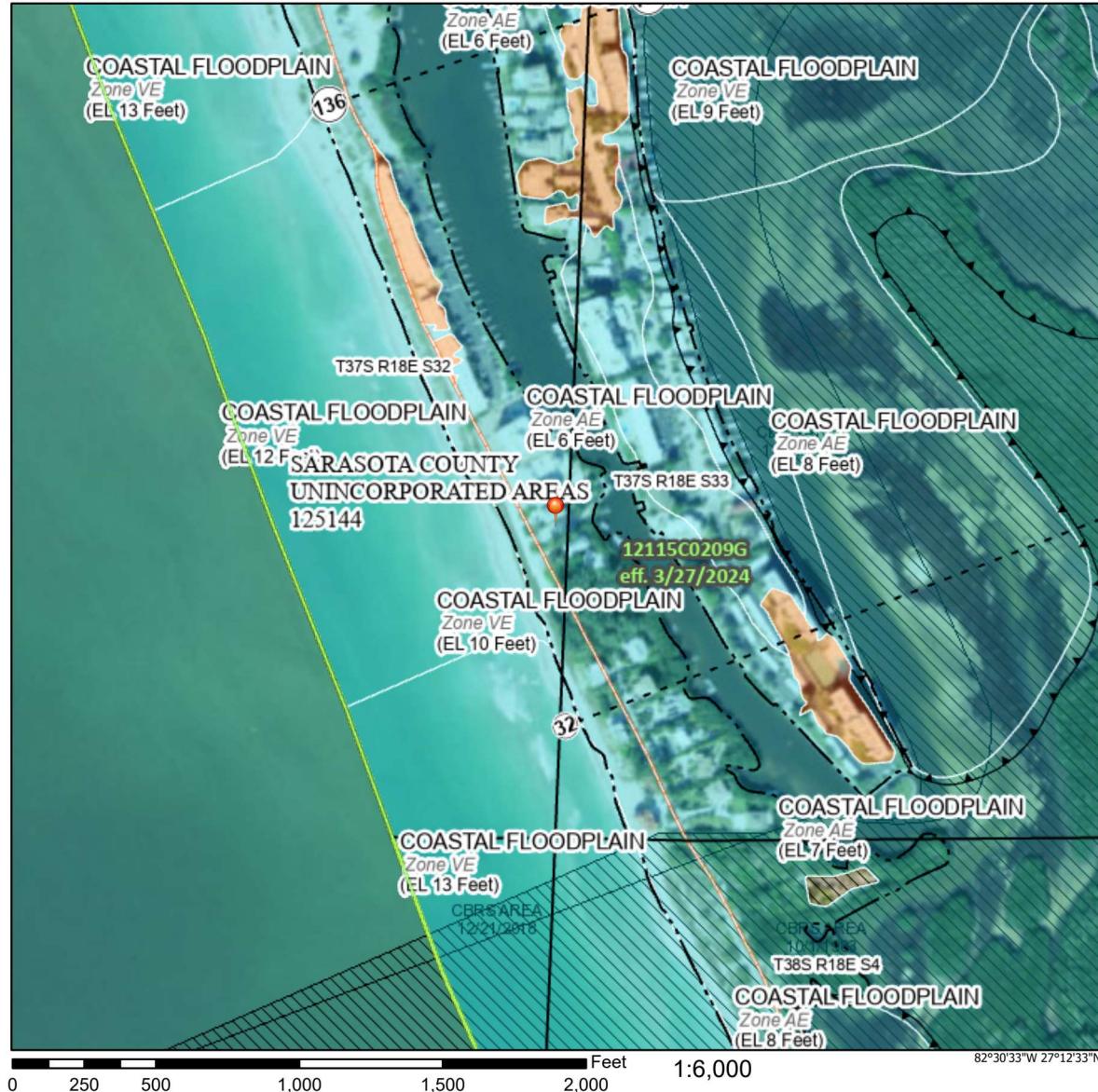
Photo Four

Photo Four Caption: Representative flood vent, 11/15/2025

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



82°31'11"W 27°13'5"N



Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
- With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
- Regulatory Floodway

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
- Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes, Zone X
- Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

OTHER AREAS

- NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
- Effective LOMRs
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D

GENERAL STRUCTURES

- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES

- 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
- 17.5 Coastal Transect
- 8 - - - Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS

- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped



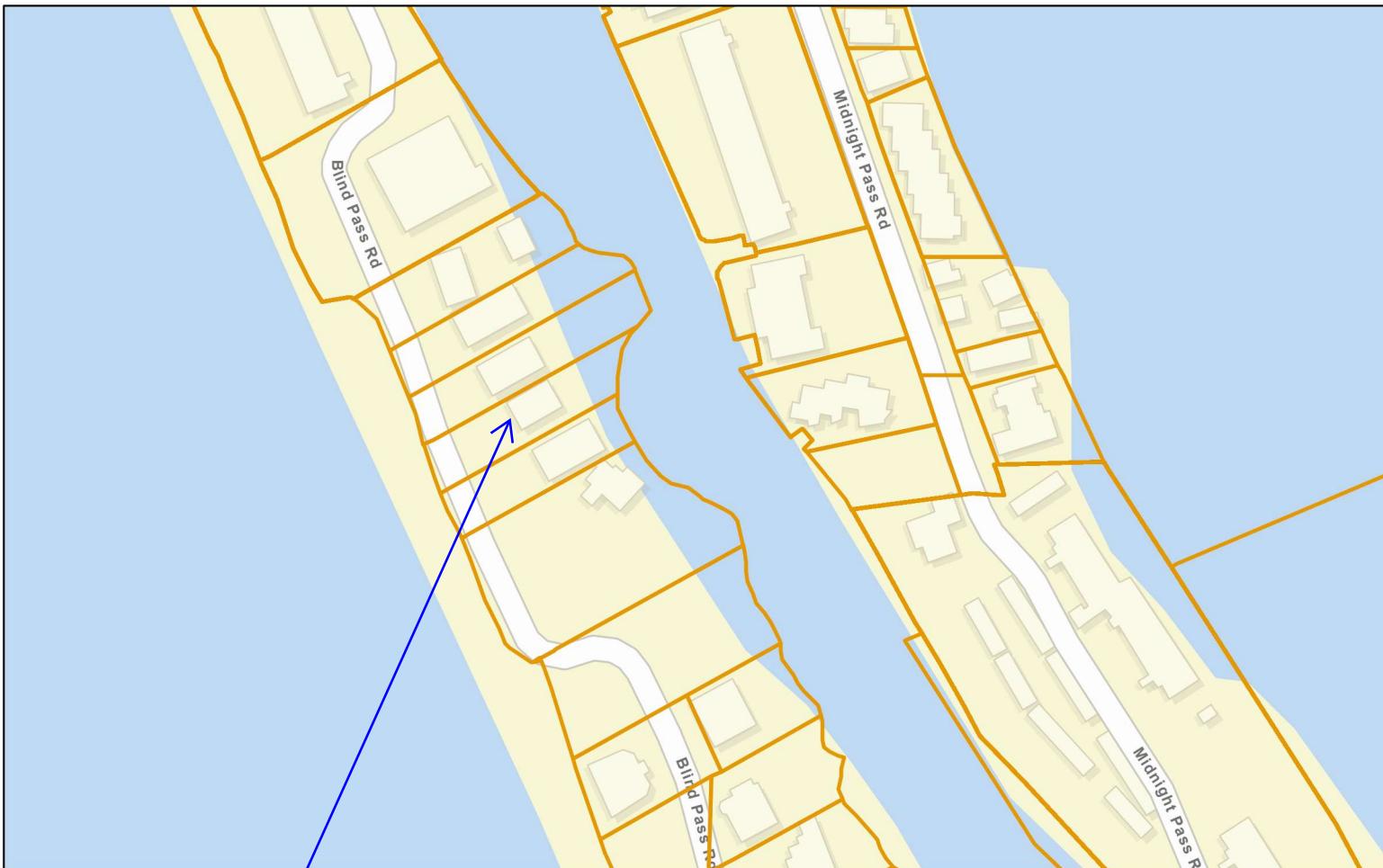
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SECTION A – PROPERTY INFORMATION (Continued)

Item A8.c. Enter the total number of permanent non-engineered and/or engineered flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) that are no higher than 1.0 foot above the higher of the exterior or interior grade or floor immediately below the opening. If the interior grade elevation is used, note this in the Comments area of Section D.

Item A8.d. Enter the total measured net open area of permanent non-engineered flood openings indicated in A8.c in square inches, excluding any bars, louvers, or other covers of the permanent flood openings. Non-engineered openings that meet the requirements of NFIP Technical Bulletin 1 are assumed to provide one square foot of rated area for each square inch of net open area. If the net open area cannot be measured, provide in the Comments area of the appropriate section the size of the flood openings without consideration of any covers and indicate the type of cover that exists in the flood openings.

Item A8.e. Enter the total rated area of the permanent engineered flood openings indicated in A8.c, in square feet. Attach a copy of the Individual Engineered Flood Openings Certification for a specific building or an Evaluation Report issued by the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC ES) for all engineered openings, and indicate the manufacturer's name and model number in the Comments area of the appropriate section, if applicable. Flood openings cannot be considered engineered flood openings without documentation. If no documentation is available/provided, enter the net open (unobstructed) area of the flood openings in A8.d instead.

Item A8.f. Complete only if permanent engineered and permanent non-engineered flood openings are both present. Enter the sum of A8.d (net open area of all non-engineered openings) and A8.e (total rated area of all engineered openings). Non-engineered openings that meet the requirements of NFIP Technical Bulletin 1 are assumed to provide one square foot of rated area for each square inch of net open area. For example, a non-engineered opening with 140 sq. in. of net open area (i.e., rated for 140 sq. ft. of enclosure area), combined with two (2) engineered openings rated for 200 sq. ft. each, would yield $140 + 400 = 540$ sq. ft. rated area. If either A8.d or A8.e is "0", then enter "N/A" for A8.f.

Item A9.a. Provide the square footage of the attached garage with or without permanent flood openings. Take the measurement from the outside of the garage. If there is no attached garage, enter "N/A" for items A9.a-f.

Item A9.b. Indicate if there is at least one permanent flood opening within 1.0 foot of the adjacent grade on at least two exterior walls of the attached garage identified in A9.a. If the attached garage has no permanent flood openings, or if none of the openings are within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade, enter "0" (zero) in Items A9.c-f. If there is no attached garage, enter "N/A".

Item A9.c. Enter the total number of permanent non-engineered and/or engineered flood openings in the attached garage that are no higher than 1.0 foot above the higher of the exterior or interior grade or floor immediately below the opening. This includes any openings that are in the garage door that are no higher than 1.0 foot above the adjacent grade. If the interior grade elevation is used, note this in the Comments area of Section D.

Item A9.d. Enter the total measured net open area of permanent non-engineered flood openings indicated in A9.c in square inches, excluding any bars, louvers, or other covers of the permanent flood openings, and enter the total in Item A9.d. Non-engineered openings that meet the requirements of NFIP Technical Bulletin 1 are assumed to provide one square foot of rated area for each square inch of net open area. If the net open area cannot be measured, provide in the Comments area of the appropriate section the size of the flood openings without consideration of any covers and indicate the type of cover that exists in the flood openings.

Item A9.e. Enter the total rated area of the permanent engineered flood openings indicated in A9.c in square feet. Attach a copy of the Individual Engineered Flood Openings Certification for a specific building or an Evaluation Report issued by the ICC ES for all engineered openings, and indicate the manufacturer's name and model number in the Comments area of the appropriate section, if applicable. Flood openings cannot be considered engineered flood openings without documentation. If no documentation is available/provided, enter the net open (unobstructed) area of the flood openings in A9.d instead.

Item A9.f. Complete only if permanent engineered and permanent non-engineered flood openings are both present. Enter the sum of A9.d (net open area of all non-engineered openings) and A9.e (total rated area of all engineered openings). Non-engineered openings that meet the requirements of NFIP Technical Bulletin 1 are assumed to provide one square foot of rated area for each square inch of net open area. For example, a non-engineered opening with 140 sq. in. of net open area (i.e., rated for 140 sq. ft. of enclosure area), combined with two (2) engineered openings rated for 200 sq. ft. each, would yield $140 + 400 = 540$ sq. ft. rated area. If either A9.d or A9.e is "0", then enter "N/A" for A9.f.

SECTION B – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION

Complete the Elevation Certificate using the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and FIRM in effect at the time of the certification.

The information for Section B is obtained by reviewing the FIS and the FIRM panel that includes the building's location. Information about the current FIS and FIRM is available from FEMA by visiting msc.fema.gov or contacting the local floodplain management official. If a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F), or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) has been issued by FEMA, please provide the letter date and case number in the Comments area of Section D or Section G, as appropriate.

For a building in an area that was mapped in one community but is now in another community due to annexation or dissolution, enter the community name and six-digit Community Identification Number of the community in which the building is now located in Items B1.a and B1.b; the name of the county or new county, if necessary, in Item B2; and the FIRM index date for the community identified in B1.a, in Item B6. Enter information from the actual FIRM panel that shows the building location, even if it is the FIRM for the previous jurisdiction, in Items B4, B5, B7, B8, and B9.

If the map in effect at the time of the building's construction was other than the current FIRM, and you have the past map information pertaining to the building, provide the information in the Comments area of Section D.

Note: Indicate in the Comments area of Section D if using information based on best available data, such as base-level engineering or advisory flood hazard data (contact the local floodplain management official to confirm).



Coastal High Hazard Area (VE and CCCL) Certificate

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This form is required for New Construction and Substantial Improvements to structures in FEMA zone VE, Coastal A Zones, and seaward of the FDEP Coastal Construction Control Line (CCCL)

Name: _____

Permit Number: _____

Street Address: _____ Parcel ID#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SECTION 1: – FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and FDEP 100-yr Storm Elevation Information:

NFIP Community Number	FIRM Panel	Suffix	FIRM Index Date	Flood Zone(s)	Base Flood Elevation	FDEP 100-year Storm Elevation	FDEP Design Grade

Coastal A Zone (CAZ)? _____ Yes _____ No

SECTION 2 – Design Elevation Information

- a) Bottom of Lowest Horizontal Structural Member _____ ft. NAVD 1988
- b) Elevation Requirement _____ ft. NAVD 1988
- c) Elevation of Highest Adjacent Grade _____ ft. NAVD 1988
- d) Elevation of Lowest Adjacent Grade _____ ft. NAVD 1988
- e) Elevation of Bottom of Pilings or Foundation _____ ft. NAVD 1988
- f) Elevation of Top of Pile Cap or Grade Beam _____ ft. NAVD 1988

SECTION 3 – Certification Statement (Registered engineer or architect to sign and seal SECTION 5)

I certify that based upon development and/or review of structural design specifications, and plans for construction including consideration of the hydrostatic, hydrodynamic, and impact loading involved, that the designs and methods of construction are in accordance with requirements of the current Florida Building Code Sections 3109, R322 and 1612; 44 CFR 60.3(a)(3), 44 CFR 60.3(e)(4), and 44 CFR 60.3(e)(5); and Sarasota County Code Article XVI (Floodprone Areas):

The elevation of the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member supporting the lowest floor (excluding the pilings or columns) is elevated to or above the elevation specified by ASCE 24-14, the Sarasota County Floodprone Areas Ordinance, or the 100-yr storm elevation specified by FDEP whichever is higher.

The pile or column foundation, pile cap and/or grade beam, and structure attached thereto is anchored to resist flotation, collapse and lateral movement due to the effects of wind and water loads associated with the design flood loads as determined according to Chapter 5 of ASCE 7-16 acting simultaneously on all of the structural components, and the requirement of ASCE 24-14 Chapter 4.

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The tops of Grade Beams and Pile Caps shall be at or below the natural grade and designed and constructed in accordance with ASCE 24-14 Sections 4.5.9 and 4.5.10. Seaward of the CCCL the tops of Grade Beams and Pile Caps must be at or below the FDEP determined design grade, unless designed to resist the increased flood loads associated with setting the grade beam or pile cap above the FDEP design grade.

In Coastal A Zones (CAZ) stem walls supporting a floor system above and backfilled with soil or gravel to the underside of the floor system above shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of ASCE 24-14 Section 4.5.13.

SECTION 4 – Free of Obstruction Certification Statement (Registered engineer or architect to sign and seal SECTION 5)

I certify that based upon the development and/or review of structural design, specifications and plans for subject construction that the space below the lowest horizontal structural member shall be free of obstruction or constructed with breakaway walls, open wood lattice or louvers constructed in accordance with FEMA Technical Bulletin 5 guidance, or insect screening intended to collapse under wind and water loads without causing collapse, displacement, or other structural damage to the elevated portion of building or supporting foundation system. Design and construction shall be in accordance with requirements of current edition of the Florida Building Code Sections 1612, 3109, and R322, ASCE 24-14, ASCE 7, and the Sarasota County Code Article XVI:

If access stairs or ramps are constructed inside a breakaway enclosure an entry door shall be required at the top of the stairs. Stairs and ramps shall be constructed and designed to resist the flood loads up to the design flood. The elevated building and its foundation must be designed to resist loads that are transferred from the stairs or ramps.

The use of enclosures below the lowest floor is restricted to parking of vehicles, access, or storage; lower areas must not be finished or used for any other purpose. Breakaway walls shall have flood openings as specified by ASCE 24 and Sarasota County Code Article XVI. In Zone VE the enclosure area shall be limited to no greater than 299 square feet, or subject to approval by the Floodplain Administrator for multi-unit buildings enclosures of up to 20% of the footprint area of structure may be allowed.

“Breakaway Wall” means any type of wall subject to flooding that is not required to provide structural support to a building or other structure and that is designed and constructed such that, under base flood or lesser flood conditions, it will collapse in such a way that: (1) it allows the free passage of floodwaters, and (2) it does not damage the structure or supporting foundation system. Attendant utilities and equipment shall not be mounted on, pass through, or be located along breakaway walls.

SECTION 5- Certification

Certifier's Name: _____ Title: _____

License Number: _____ Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____

Seal:

