

The notice of appeal must be in writing and must be received within ten days from the date of the notice of violation. A hearing on the appeal shall take place within thirty days from the date of receipt of the notice of appeal by the Floodplain Administrator.

All appeals shall be heard and decided by the community's designated Appeal Board, which shall include the Board of Supervisors of Lamar County, or their designees. The Appeal Board shall have the power to affirm, modify, or reject the original penalty, including the right to increase or decrease the amount of any monetary penalty and the right to add or delete remedial actions required for correction of the violation and compliance with the community's flood damage prevention ordinance, and any other applicable local, state, or federal requirements. The decision of the Appeal Board shall be final.

- (4) **Judicial review.** Any person aggrieved by a decision or order of the community, after exhausting his administrative remedies, shall have the right to appeal de novo to the *Lamar County Chancery Court*.

ARTICLE 4. ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION A. DESIGNATION OF FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATOR.

The Board of Supervisors of Lamar County hereby appoints the Floodplain Administrator or other delegated, designated, or qualified community official to administer and implement the provisions of this ordinance and is herein referred to as the Floodplain Administrator and/or the administrator.

SECTION B. PERMIT PROCEDURES.

Application for a Development Permit shall be made to the Floodplain Administrator on forms furnished by him or her prior to any development activities, and may include, but not be limited to, the following plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, earthen fill, storage of materials or equipment, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing. Specifically, the following information is required:

- (1) Application Stage.
- a.) Elevation in relation to mean sea level of the proposed lowest floor (including basement) of all buildings, which will be submitted on a FEMA Form 81-31 (Elevation Certificate) by a state of Mississippi registered engineer or surveyor;
 - b.) Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any non-residential building in an A Zone will be floodproofed;
 - c.) Certificate from a state of Mississippi registered professional engineer or architect that the non-residential flood-proofed building will meet the floodproofing criteria in Article 4, Section B (2), Article 5, Section B (2) and Section D (2);
 - d.) No floodplain development permit can be issued to any mobile, modular, or permanently constructed residence, building or facility unless the owner, lessee, or developer obtains a Notice of Intent from the Mississippi State Health Department, pursuant to the MS Individual On-Site Wastewater Disposal System Law (2009), for a recommendation of a sewage system or Proof of Compliance from the proper Sewer and Water District;
 - e.) Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as result of proposed development.

(3) Finished Construction:

Upon completion of construction, a FEMA elevation certificate which depicts all finished construction elevations is required to be submitted to the Floodplain Administrator. If the project includes a floodproofing measure, a FEMA floodproofing certificate is required to be submitted by the permit holder to the Floodplain Administrator.

SECTION C. POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR.

The Floodplain Administrator and his or her designated staff is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. The Administrator is further authorized to render interpretations of this ordinance, which are consistent with its spirit and purpose.

(1) Right of Entry

- a.) Whenever necessary to make an inspection to enforce any of the provisions of this ordinance, or whenever the Administrator has reasonable cause to believe that there exists in any building or upon any premises any condition or ordinance violation which makes such building, structure or premises unsafe, dangerous or hazardous, the Administrator may enter such building, structure or premises at all reasonable times to inspect the same or perform any duty imposed upon the Administrator by this ordinance.
- b.) If such building or premises are occupied, the Administrator shall first present proper credentials and request entry. If such building, structure, or premises are unoccupied, he shall first make a reasonable effort to locate the owner or other persons having charge or control of such building or premises.
- c.) If entry is refused, the Administrator shall have recourse to every remedy provided by law to secure entry.
- d.) When the Administrator shall have first obtained a proper inspection warrant or other remedy provided by law to secure entry, no owner or occupant or any other persons having charge, care or control of any building, structure, or premises shall fail or neglect, after proper request is made as herein provided, to promptly permit entry therein by the Administrator for the purpose of inspection and examination pursuant to this ordinance.

(2) Stop Work Orders

- a.) Upon notice from the Administrator, work on any building, structure or premises that is being performed contrary to the provisions of this ordinance shall immediately cease. Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property, or to his or her agent, or to the person doing the work, and shall state the conditions under which work may be resumed.

(3) Revocation of Permits

- a.) The Administrator may revoke a permit or approval, issued under the provisions of this ordinance, in case there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to the material fact in the application or plans on which the permit or approval was based.
- b.) The Administrator may revoke a permit upon determination that the construction, erection, alteration, repair, moving, demolition, installation, or replacement of the structure for which the permit was issued is in violation of, or not in conformity with, the provisions of this ordinance.

Duties of the administrator shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Review all development permits to assure that the permit requirements of this ordinance have been satisfied;
- (2) Review proposed development to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State law, including section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334. Additionally, require the permittee to obtain and submit copies of any required federal or state permits and maintain them on file with the development permit.
- (3) Perform a minimum of three inspections to ensure that all applicable ordinance and floodplain development requirements have been satisfied. The first inspection upon the establishment of the Base Flood Elevation reference mark at the development site; the second upon the establishment of the structure's footprint prior to pouring the slab or the establishment of the lowest floor in an elevated foundation system; and the final inspection upon completion and submission of the required finished construction elevation certificate.
- (4) Verify any required setback distances.
- (5) Verify that all placement of fill or grading is according to certified plans. Assure that any fill being used as part of the structure's foundation system (not allowed in a CHHA) is both clean material and properly compacted and placed. A professional certification that any structure built on fill is reasonably safe from flooding can be requested of the builder/developer.
- (6) Verify adequate placement and size of any required flood vents in regard to the number of openings, their location, size, and height above ground level.
- (7) Ensure that a crawlspace has adequate vents or openings and that the interior grade is at or above the exterior grade.
- (8) Verify that the structure's utilities, duct work, and HVAC systems are at or above the base flood elevation.
- (9) Notify adjacent communities, the NFIP State Coordinator, and other federal and/or state agencies with statutory or regulatory authority prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse.
- (10) Assure that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood-carrying capacity is maintained.
- (11) Verify and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new construction and substantially improved buildings, in accordance with Article 4, Section B (2).
- (12) Verify and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the new construction and substantially improved buildings have been floodproofed, in accordance with Article 4, Section B (2).
- (13) Review certified plans and specifications for compliance.
- (14) Make the necessary interpretation where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions). The person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in this Article.
- (15) Obtain, review and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal, state or other source when base flood elevation data or floodway data have not been provided in accordance with Article 3, Section B, in order to administer the provisions of Article 5.

- (16) Provide information, testimony, or other evidence, as needed during variance request hearings.
- (17) Conduct the following actions when damage occurs to a building or buildings:
 - a.) Determine whether damaged structures are located within the Special Flood Hazard Area;
 - b.) Conduct damage assessments for those damaged structures located in the SFHA, and;
 - c.) Make a reasonable attempt to notify owner(s) of damaged structure(s) of the requirement to obtain a building permit / floodplain development permit prior to repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction.
- (18) Perform such other inspections as may be required to insure compliance with the other provisions of this ordinance.

ARTICLE 5. PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION.

SECTION A. GENERAL STANDARDS.

In all areas of special flood hazard the following provisions are required:

- (1) New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse and lateral movement of the structure;
- (2) Manufactured homes shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. Dry stacked blocks (stacked without the use of mortar or cement to bond them together) are not to be used as an anchor/elevation method. This standard shall be in addition to and consistent with applicable state requirements for resisting wind forces;
- (3) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage;
- (4) New construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
- (5) Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding, such facilities shall be located a minimum of 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation;
- (6) New and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system;
- (7) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters;
- (8) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding;
- (9) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building that is in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance shall meet the requirements of "new construction" as contained in this ordinance; and,
- (10) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a building that is not in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, shall be undertaken only if said non-conformity is not furthered, extended, or replaced.
- (11) All gas and liquid storage tanks that are principally above ground shall be anchored to prevent floatation and lateral movement.