

2-1. DEFINITIONS

2-1.6. Flood Damage Prevention.

- (A) *ACCESSORY STRUCTURE (APPURTENANT STRUCTURE)*. A structure located on the same parcel of property as the principal structure and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. Garages, carports and storage sheds are common urban accessory structures. Pole barns, hay sheds and the like qualify as accessory structures on farms, and may or may not be located on the same parcel as the farm dwelling or shop building. ~~*ADDITION (TO AN EXISTING BUILDING)*. An extension or increase in the floor area or height of a building or structure.~~
- (B) ~~*ADDITION (TO AN EXISTING BUILDING)*. An extension or increase in the floor area or height of a building or structure.~~ *APPEAL*. A request for a review of the Floodplain Administrator's interpretation of any provision of this Ordinance. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)
- (C) *ALTERATION OF A WATERCOURSE*. A dam, impoundment, channel relocation, change in channel alignment, channelization, or change in cross-sectional area of the channel or the channel capacity, or any other form of modification which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the riverine flow of water during conditions of the base flood. *BASEMENT*. Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)
- (D) *APPEAL*. A request for a review of the Floodplain Administrator's interpretation of any provision of this Ordinance. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.) *BASE FLOOD*. The flood having a one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- (E) *AREA OF FUTURE-CONDITIONS FLOOD HAZARD*. The land area that would be inundated by the 1-percent-annual-chance (100- year) flood based on future-conditions hydrology. ~~*BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE)*. A determination of the water surface elevations of the base flood as published in the Flood Insurance Study. When the BFE has not been provided in a "Special Flood Hazard Area", it may be obtained from engineering studies available from a Federal or State or other source using FEMA approved engineering methodologies. This elevation, when combined with the "Freeboard", establishes the "Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation".~~
- (F) *AREA OF SHALLOW FLOODING*. A designated Zone AO on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with base flood depths determined to be from one (1) to three (3) feet. These areas are located where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate, and where velocity flow may be evident. ~~*CHEMICAL STORAGE FACILITY*. A building, portion of a building, or exterior area adjacent to a building used for the storage of any chemical or chemically reactive products.~~
- (G) *BASE FLOOD*. The flood having a one (1) percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. ~~*ELEVATED BUILDING*. A non-basement building which has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers,~~

pilings, or columns.

- (H) **BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE).** A determination of the water surface elevations of the base flood as published in the Flood Insurance Study. When the BFE has not been provided in a "Special Flood Hazard Area", it may be obtained from engineering studies available from a Federal or State or other source using FEMA approved engineering methodologies. This elevation, when combined with the "Freeboard", establishes the "Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation". ~~**ENCROACHMENT.** The advance or infringement of uses, fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~
- (I) **BASEMENT.** Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations). ~~**EXISTING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION.** A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) was completed before the original effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by the community.~~
- (J) **CHEMICAL STORAGE FACILITY.** A building, portion of a building, or exterior area adjacent to a building used for the storage of any chemical or chemically reactive products. ~~**FLOOD or FLOODING.** A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of inland or tidal waters; and/or the unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.~~
- (K) **DESIGN FLOOD.** See "Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation." ~~**FLOOD INSURANCE.** The insurance coverage provided under the National Flood Insurance Program.~~
- (L) **DEVELOPMENT** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials. ~~**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM).** An official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, on which both the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community are delineated.~~
- (M) **DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY.** Any activity defined as Development which will necessitate a Floodplain Development Permit. This includes buildings, structures, and non-structural items, including (but not limited to) fill, bulkheads, piers, pools, docks, landings, ramps, and erosion control/stabilization measures. ~~**FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS).** An examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards, corresponding water surface elevations (if appropriate), flood hazard risk zones, and other flood data in a community issued by the FEMA. The Flood Insurance Study report includes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFMs), if published.~~
- (N) **DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (DFIRM.)** The digital official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), on which both the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the

community are delineated. ~~FLOODPLAIN. Any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source.~~

- (O) ~~DISPOSAL. As defined in NCGS 130A-290(a)(6), the discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, or placing of any solid waste into or on any land or water so that the solid waste or any constituent part of the solid waste may enter the environment or be emitted into the air or discharged into any waters, including groundwaters.~~ ~~FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR. The individual appointed to administer and enforce the floodplain management regulations.~~
- (P) ~~ELEVATED BUILDING. A non-basement building which has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers, pilings, or columns.~~ ~~FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT. Any type of permit that is required in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance, prior to the commencement of any development activity.~~
- (Q) ~~ENCROACHMENT. The advance or infringement of uses, fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~ ~~FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT. The operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans.~~
- (R) ~~EXISTING BUILDING AND EXISTING STRUCTURE. Any building and/or structure for which the "start of construction" commenced before date the community's first floodplain management ordinance was adopted.~~ ~~FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS. This Ordinance and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances, and other applications of police power which control development in flood prone areas. This term describes federal, state or local regulations, in any combination thereof, which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage.~~
- (S) ~~EXISTING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION. A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) was completed before the original effective date of the floodplain management regulations adopted by the community.~~ ~~FLOODPROOFING. Any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures, which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitation facilities, structures, and their contents.~~
- (T) ~~FLOOD or FLOODING. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of inland or tidal waters; and/or the unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.~~ ~~FLOODWAY. The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot.~~

- (U) **FLOOD BOUNDARY AND FLOODWAY MAP (FBFM)**. An official map of a community, issued by the FEMA, on which the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the floodways are delineated. This official map is a supplement to and shall be used in conjunction with the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). ~~**FLOOD-ZONE**. A geographical area shown on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map that reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.~~
- (V) **FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP (FHBM)**. An official map of a community, issued by the FEMA, where the boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Areas have been defined as Zone A. ~~**FREEBOARD**. The height added to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to account for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization on the watershed. The Base Flood Elevation plus the freeboard establishes the "Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation".~~
- (W) **FLOOD INSURANCE**. The insurance coverage provided under the National Flood Insurance Program. ~~**FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT FACILITY**. A facility which cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located in close proximity to water, such as a docking or port facility necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, shipbuilding, or ship repair. The term does not include long term storage, manufacture, sales, or service facilities.~~
- (X) **FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM)**. An official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, on which both the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community are delineated. ~~**HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE (HAG)**. The highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, immediately next to the proposed walls of the structure.~~
- (Y) **FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS)**. An examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards, corresponding water surface elevations (if appropriate), flood hazard risk zones, and other flood data in a community issued by the FEMA. The Flood Insurance Study report includes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFMs), if published. ~~**LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE (LAG)**. The elevation of the ground, sidewalk or patio slab immediately next to the building, or deck support, after completion of the building.~~
- (Z) **FLOODPLAIN**. Any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source. ~~**LOWEST FLOOR**. Lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or limited storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such an enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this Ordinance.~~
- (AA) **FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR**. The individual appointed to administer and enforce the floodplain management regulations. ~~**MANUFACTURED HOME**. A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle". (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~

- (BB) *FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT*. Any type of permit that is required in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance, prior to the commencement of any development activity ~~*MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR SUBDIVISION*. A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~
- (CC) *FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT*. The operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans. ~~*MARKET VALUE*. The building value, not including the land value and that of any accessory structures or other improvements on the lot. Market value may be established by independent certified appraisal; replacement cost depreciated for age of building and quality of construction (Actual Cash Value); or adjusted tax assessed values.~~
- (DD) *FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS*. This Ordinance and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances, and other applications of police power which control development in flood-prone areas. This term describes federal, state or local regulations, in any combination thereof, which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage. ~~*MEAN SEA LEVEL*. For purposes of this Ordinance, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) as corrected in 1929, the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) as corrected in 1988, or other vertical control datum used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain, to which Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown on a FIRM are referenced. Refer to each FIRM panel to determine datum used.~~
- (EE) *FLOODPROOFING*. Any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures, which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitation facilities, structures, and their contents. ~~*NEW CONSTRUCTION*. Structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of the original version of the community's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~
- (FF) *FLOOD-RESISTANT MATERIAL*. Any building product [material, component or system] capable of withstanding direct and prolonged contact (minimum 72 hours) with floodwaters without sustaining damage that requires more than low-cost cosmetic repair. Any material that is water-soluble or is not resistant to alkali or acid in water, including normal adhesives for above-grade use, is not flood-resistant. Pressure-treated lumber or naturally decay-resistant lumbers are acceptable flooring materials. Sheet-type flooring coverings that restrict evaporation from below and materials that are impervious, but dimensionally unstable are not acceptable. Materials that absorb or retain water excessively after submergence are not flood-resistant. Please refer to Technical Bulletin 2, Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements, and available from the FEMA. Class 4 and 5 materials, referenced therein, are acceptable flood-resistant materials. ~~*NON-ENCROACHMENT AREA (NEA)*. The channel of a river or other watercourse, including the area above a bridge or culvert, when applicable, and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot as designated in the Flood Insurance Study report.~~

- (GG) **FLOODWAY**. The channel of a river or other watercourse, including the area above a bridge or culvert when applicable, and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot. ~~POST-FIRM. Construction or other development for which the "start of construction" occurred on or after the effective date June 4, 1980 of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the area.~~
- (HH) **FLOODWAY ENCROACHMENT ANALYSIS**. An engineering analysis of the impact that a proposed encroachment into a floodway or non-encroachment area is expected to have on the floodway boundaries and flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. The evaluation shall be prepared by a qualified North Carolina licensed engineer using standard engineering methods and models. ~~PRE-FIRM. Construction or other development for which the "start of construction" occurred before June 4, 1980 the effective date of community's first FIRM, the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the area.~~
- (II) **FLOOD ZONE**. A geographical area shown on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map that reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area. ~~PRINCIPALLY ABOVE GROUND. That at least 51% of the actual cash value of the structure is above ground.~~
- (JJ) **FREEBOARD**. The height added to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to account for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, blockage of bridge or culvert openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization on the watershed. The Base Flood Elevation plus the freeboard establishes the "Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation". ~~RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV). A vehicle, which is: 1) Built on a single chassis; 2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; 3) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; 4) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.~~
- (KK) **FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT FACILITY**. A facility which cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located in close proximity to water, such as a docking or port facility necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, shipbuilding, or ship repair. The term does not include long-term storage, manufacture, sales, or service facilities. ~~REFERENCE LEVEL. The top of the lowest floor for structures within Special Flood Hazard Areas designated as Zone, A1 A30 AE, A, or A99.~~
- (LL) **HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY**. As defined in NCGS 130A, Article 9, a facility for the collection, storage, processing, treatment, recycling, recovery, or disposal of hazardous waste. ~~REGULATORY FLOOD PROTECTION ELEVATION. The "Base Flood Elevation" plus the "Freeboard". In "Special Flood Hazard Areas" where Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) have been determined, this elevation shall be the BFE plus two (2) feet of Freeboard. In "Special Flood Hazard Areas" where no BFE has been established, this elevation shall be at least two (2) feet above the highest adjacent grade.~~
- (MM) **HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE (HAG)**. The highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to construction, immediately next to the proposed walls of the structure. ~~REMEDY A VIOLATION. To bring the structure or other development into compliance with State and community floodplain management regulations, or, if this is not possible, to reduce the impacts of its noncompliance. Ways that impacts may be reduced include~~

~~protecting the structure or other affected development from flood damages, implementing the enforcement provisions of the ordinance or otherwise deterring future similar violations, or reducing Federal financial exposure with regard to the structure or other development. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~

(NN) ***HISTORIC STRUCTURE.*** Any structure that is:

- 1) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the US Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- 2) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- 3) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic landmarks in communities with a “Certified Local Government (CLG) Program”; or
- 4) Certified as contributing to the historical significance of a historic district designated by a community with a “Certified Local Government (CLG) Program.”

Certified Local Government (CLG) Programs are approved by the US Department of the Interior in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources through the State Historic Preservation Officer as having met the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended in 1980. ~~RIVERINE. Relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.~~

(OO) ***LETTER OF MAP CHANGE (LOMC).***

- 1) An official determination issued by FEMA that amends or revises an effective Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Insurance Study. Letters of Map Change include: Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA): An official amendment, by letter, to an effective National Flood Insurance Program map. A LOMA is based on technical data showing that a property had been inadvertently mapped as being in the floodplain, but is actually on natural high ground above the base flood elevation. A LOMA amends the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and establishes that a specific property, portion of a property, or structure is not located in a special flood hazard area;
- 2) Letter of Map Revision (LOMR): A revision based on technical data that may show changes to flood zones, flood elevations, special flood hazard area boundaries and floodway delineations, and other planimetric features;
- 3) Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F): A determination that a structure or parcel of land has been elevated by fill above the BFE and is, therefore, no longer located within the special flood hazard area. In order to qualify for this determination, the fill must have been permitted and placed in accordance with the community’s floodplain management regulations;

- 4) Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR): A formal review and comment as to whether a proposed project complies with the minimum NFIP requirements for such projects with respect to delineation of special flood hazard areas. A CLOMR does not revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map or Flood Insurance Study; upon submission and approval of certified as-built documentation, a Letter of Map Revision may be issued by FEMA to revise the effective FIRM. ~~*SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA)*. The land in the floodplain subject to a one (1%) percent or greater chance of being flooded in any given year, as determined in Section 7-5.3(B) of this Ordinance.~~
- (PP) *LIGHT DUTY TRUCK*. Any motor vehicle rated at 8,500 pounds Gross Vehicular Weight Rating or less which has a vehicular curb weight of 6,000 pounds or less and which has a basic vehicle frontal area of 45 square feet or less as defined in 40 CFR 86.082-2 and is: Designed primarily for purposes of transportation of property or is a derivation of such a vehicle, or Designed primarily for transportation of persons and has a capacity of more than 12 persons; or (c) Available with special features enabling off-street or off-highway operation and use. ~~*START OF CONSTRUCTION*. Substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~
- (QQ) *LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE (LAG)*. The elevation of the ground, sidewalk or patio slab immediately next to the building, or deck support, after completion of the building. ~~*STRUCTURE*. A walled and roofed building, a manufactured home, or a gas, liquid, or liquefied gas storage tank that is principally above ground. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~
- (RR) *LOWEST FLOOR*. Lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access, or limited storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor, provided that such an enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this Ordinance. ~~*SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE*. Damage of any origin sustained by a structure during any one year period whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. See definition of "substantial improvement". Substantial damage also means flood-related damage sustained by a structure on two~~

~~separate occasions during a ten year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds twenty five (25) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~

- (SS) **MANUFACTURED HOME.** A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle". (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.) ~~**SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT.** Any combination of repairs, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, taking place during any one year period for which the cost equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:~~
- ~~1) Any correction of existing violations of state or community health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the community code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or~~
 - ~~2) Any alteration of a historic structure, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure.~~
- (TT) **MANUFACTURED HOME PARK OR SUBDIVISION.** A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.) ~~**VIOLATION.** The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in Sections 3-3.5 and 7-5.8 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)~~
- (UU) **MARKET VALUE.** The building value, not including the land value and that of any accessory structures or other improvements on the lot. Market value may be established by independent certified appraisal; replacement cost depreciated for age of building and quality of construction (Actual Cash Value); or adjusted tax assessed values. ~~**WATER SURFACE ELEVATION (WSE).** The height, in relation to mean sea level, of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.~~
- (VV) **NEW CONSTRUCTION.** Structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of the original version of the community's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. *(This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)* ~~**WATERCOURSE.** A lake, river, creek, stream, wash, channel or other topographic feature on or over which waters flow at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur.~~
- (WW) **NON-CONVERSION AGREEMENT.** A document stating that the owner will not convert or alter what has been constructed and approved. Violation of the agreement is considered a violation of the ordinance and, therefore, subject to the same enforcement procedures and penalties. The agreement must be filed with the recorded deed for the property. The agreement must show the clerk's or recorder's stamps and/or notations that the filing has been completed.

- (XX) *NON-ENCROACHMENT AREA (NEA)*. The channel of a river or other watercourse, including the area above a bridge or culvert, when applicable, and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one (1) foot as designated in the Flood Insurance Study report.
- (YY) *POST-FIRM*. Construction or other development for which the "start of construction" occurred on or after the ~~effective date~~ June 4, 1980 of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the area.
- (ZZ) *PRE-FIRM*. Construction or other development for which the "start of construction" occurred before June 4, 1980 ~~the effective date~~ of community's first FIRM, the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map for the area.
- (AB) *PRINCIPALLY ABOVE GROUND*. That at least 51% of the actual cash value of the structure is above ground.
- (AC) *PUBLIC SAFETY AND/OR NUISANCE*. Anything which is injurious to the safety or health of an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin.
- (AD) *RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV)*. A vehicle, which is:
- 1) Built on a single chassis;
 - 2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
 - 3) Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck;
 - 4) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use, and
 - 5) Is fully licensed and ready for highway use.
- (AE) *REFERENCE LEVEL*. The top of the lowest floor for structures within Special Flood Hazard Areas designated as Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A99. The reference level is the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor for structures within Special Flood Hazard Areas designated as Zone VE. (*Alternative acceptable language for Reference Level*)-"Reference Level" is the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor for structures within all Special Flood Hazard Areas.
- (AF) *REGULATORY FLOOD PROTECTION ELEVATION*. The "Base Flood Elevation" plus the "Freeboard". In "Special Flood Hazard Areas" where Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) have been determined, this elevation shall be the BFE plus two (2) feet of Freeboard. In "Special Flood Hazard Areas" where no BFE has been established, this elevation shall be at least two (2) feet above the highest adjacent grade.
- (AG) *REMEDY A VIOLATION*. To bring the structure or other development into compliance with State and community floodplain management regulations, or, if this is not possible, to reduce the impacts of its noncompliance. Ways that impacts may be reduced include protecting the structure or other affected development from flood damages, implementing the enforcement provisions of the ordinance or otherwise deterring future similar violations, or reducing Federal financial exposure with regard to the structure or other

development. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)

(AH) *RIVERINE*. Relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.

(AI) *SALVAGE YARD*. Any non-residential property used for the storage, collection, and/or recycling of any type of equipment, and including but not limited to vehicles, appliances and related machinery.

(AJ) *SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY*. Any facility involved in the disposal of solid waste, as defined in NCGS 130A-290(a)(35).

(AK) *SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE*. As defined in NCGS 130A-290(a)(36), any place at which solid wastes are disposed of by incineration, sanitary landfill, or any other method.

(AL) *SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA)*. The land in the floodplain subject to a one (1%) percent or greater chance of being flooded in any given year, as determined in Section 7-5.4(B) of this Ordinance.

(AM) *START OF CONSTRUCTION*. Substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)

(AN) *STRUCTURE*. A walled and roofed building, a manufactured home, or a gas, liquid, or liquefied gas storage tank that is principally above ground. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)

(AO) *SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE*. Damage of any origin sustained by a structure during any one-year period whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. See definition of "substantial improvement". Substantial damage also means flood-related damage sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a ten-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds twenty-five (25) percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)

(AP) *SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT.* Any combination of repairs, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, taking place during any one-year period for which the cost equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- 1) Any correction of existing violations of state or community health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the community code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- 2) Any alteration of a historic structure, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and the alteration is approved by variance issued pursuant to Section 9-5.9(C) of this ordinance.
 - a) By choosing a timeframe that includes cumulative damages sustained over a period of time exceeding one-year period. (5- or 10-year period recommended)
 - b) By choosing a percent damaged that is less than 50% of the market value of the structure.

(This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations).

(AQ) *TECHNICAL BULLETIN AND TECHNICAL FACT SHEET.* A FEMA publication that provides guidance concerning the building performance standards of the NFIP, which are contained in Title 44 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations at Section 60.3. The bulletins and fact sheets are intended for use primarily by State and local officials responsible for interpreting and enforcing NFIP regulations and by members of the development community, such as design professionals and builders. New bulletins, as well as updates of existing bulletins, are issued periodically as needed. The bulletins do not create regulations; rather they provide specific guidance for complying with the minimum requirements of existing NFIP regulations.

It should be noted that Technical Bulletins and Technical Fact Sheets provide guidance on the minimum requirements of the NFIP regulations. State or community requirements that exceed those of the NFIP take precedence. Design professionals should contact the community officials to determine whether more restrictive State or local regulations apply to the building or site in question. All applicable standards of the State or local building code must also be met for any building in a flood hazard area.

(AR) *TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED.* Having the temperature regulated by a heating and/or cooling system, built-in or appliance.

(AS) *VARIANCE.* A grant of relief from the requirements of this ordinance.

(AT) *VIOLATION.* The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in Sections 3-3.5 and 7-5.13 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that

documentation is provided. (This definition applies only with respect to flood hazard regulations.)

(AU) *WATER SURFACE ELEVATION (WSE)*. The height, in relation to NAVD 1988, of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of ~~coastal~~ or riverine areas.

(AV) *WATERCOURSE*. A lake, river, creek, stream, wash, channel or other topographic feature on or over which waters flow at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur.

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(A) *Application Requirements:* Application for a Floodplain Development Permit shall be made to the Floodplain Administrator prior to any development activities located within Special Flood Hazard Areas. The following items shall be presented to the Floodplain Administrator to apply for a Floodplain Development Permit:

- (1) A plot plan drawn to scale which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following specific details of the proposed floodplain development:
 - a) The nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area of development/disturbance; existing and proposed structures, utility systems, grading/pavement areas, fill materials, storage areas, drainage facilities, and other development;
 - b) The boundary of the special flood hazard area as delineated on the FIRM or other flood map as determined in this section, or a statement that the entire lot is within the Special Flood Hazard Area;
 - c) Flood zone(s) designation of the proposed development area as determined on the FIRM or other flood map as determined in Section 7-5.3(B);
 - d) The boundary of the floodway(s) or non-encroachment area(s) as determined in Section 7-5.3(B);
 - e) The Base Flood Elevation (BFE) where provided as set forth in Sections 7-5.3(B); 9-6.3(11 & 12); or 7-5.9;
 - f) The old and new location of any watercourse that will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development;

- g) Certification of the plot plan by a registered land surveyor or professional engineer.
- (2) Proposed elevation, and method thereof, of all development within a Special Flood Hazard Area including but not limited to:
 - a) Elevation in relation to ~~mean sea level~~ NAVD 1988 of the proposed reference level (including basement) of all structures;
 - b) Elevation in relation to ~~mean sea level~~ NAVD 1988 to which any non-residential structure in Zones AE, A, AH, AO, A99 will be flood-proofed; and
 - c) Elevation in relation to ~~mean sea level~~ NAVD 1988 to which any proposed utility systems will be elevated or floodproofed;
- (3) If floodproofing, a Floodproofing Certificate (FEMA Form ~~81-65~~ 086-0-34) with supporting data ~~and an operational plan~~ and an inspection and maintenance plan that includes, but is ~~are~~ not limited to, installation, exercise, and maintenance of floodproofing measures.
- (4) A Foundation Plan, drawn to scale, which shall include details of the proposed foundation system to ensure all provisions of this Ordinance are met. These details include but are not limited to:
 - a) The proposed method of elevation, if applicable (i.e., fill, solid foundation perimeter wall, solid backfilled foundation, open foundation on columns / posts / piers / piles /shear walls);
 - b) Openings to facilitate equalization of hydrostatic flood forces on walls in accordance with Section 7-5.8(B)(4)(c), when solid foundation perimeter walls are used in Zones A, AE, ~~and A1-30~~, AH, AO, A99.
- (5) Usage details of any enclosed areas below the ~~regulatory flood protection elevation~~ lowest floor.
- (6) Plans and/or details for the protection of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems to be located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
- (7) ~~Copies~~ Certification that of all other Local, State and Federal permits required prior to Floodplain Development Permit issuance (Wetlands, Endangered Species, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Riparian Buffers, Mining, etc.)
- (8) Documentation for placement of Recreational Vehicles and/or Temporary Structures, when applicable, to ensure Section 7-5.8 ~~13~~(B)(6) of this Ordinance are

met.

- (9) A description of proposed watercourse alteration or relocation, when applicable, including an engineering report on the effects of the proposed project on the flood-carrying capacity of the watercourse and the effects to properties located both upstream and downstream; and a map (if not shown on plot plan) showing the location of the proposed watercourse alteration or relocation.

(B) *Permit Requirements:* The Floodplain Development Permit shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) A complete description of all the development to be permitted under the Floodplain Development Permit (e.g. house, garage, pool, septic, bulkhead, cabana, pier, bridge, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials, etc.).
- (2) The Special Flood Hazard Area determination for the proposed development per available data specified in Section 7-5.3(B).
- (3) The regulatory flood protection elevation required for the reference level and all attendant utilities.
- (4) The regulatory flood protection elevation required for the protection of all public utilities.
- (5) All certification submittal requirements with timelines.
- (6) A statement that no fill material or other development shall encroach into the floodway or non-encroachment area of any watercourse, ~~as applicable~~ unless the requirements of Section 7-5.15 have been met.
- (7) The flood openings requirements, if in Zones A, AE, or ~~A1-30~~, AH, AO, A99.
- (8) Limitations of below BFE enclosure uses, (if applicable) (i.e., parking, building access and limited storage only).
- (9) A statement, that all materials below BFE/RFPE must be flood resistant materials.

(C) *Certification Requirements.*

a) *Floodproofing Certificates*

i) A final Finished Construction Floodproofing Certificate (FEMA Form 086-0-34), with supporting data, an operational plan, and an inspection and maintenance plan are required prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to submit to the Floodplain Administrator a certification of the floodproofed design elevation of the reference level and all attendant utilities, in relation to NAVD 1988. Floodproofing certificate shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a professional engineer or architect and certified by same. The Floodplain Administrator shall review the certificate data, the operational plan, and the inspection and maintenance plan. Deficiencies detected by such review shall be corrected by the applicant prior to Certificate of Occupancy. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make required corrections shall be cause to deny a Floodplain Development Permit. Failure to construct in accordance with the certified design shall be cause to deny a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy.

ii) If a manufactured home is placed within Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A99 and the elevation of the chassis is more than 36 inches in height above grade, an engineered foundation certification is required in accordance with the provisions Section 7-5.13. (3)

b) If a watercourse is to be altered or relocated, a description of the extent of watercourse alteration or relocation; a professional engineer's certified report on the effects of the proposed project on the flood-carrying capacity of the watercourse and the effects to properties located both upstream and downstream; and a map showing the location of the proposed watercourse alteration or relocation shall all be submitted by the permit applicant prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit.

c) *Certification Exemptions.* The following structures, if located within Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A99, are exempt from the elevation/floodproofing certification requirements specified in items (a) and (b) of this subsection:

i) *Recreational Vehicles* meeting requirements of Section 7-5.13(6);

ii) *Temporary Structures* meeting requirements of Section 7-5.13(7); and

iii) *Accessory Structures* that are 150 square feet or less or \$3,000 or less and meeting requirements of Section 7-5.13(8).

(D) Determinations for Existing Buildings and Structures.

For applications for building permits to improve buildings and structures, including alterations, movement, enlargement, replacement, repair, change of occupancy, additions, rehabilitations, renovations, substantial improvements, repairs of substantial damage, and any other improvement of or work on such buildings and structures, the Floodplain Administrator, in coordination with the Building Official, shall:

- (1) Estimate the market value, or require the applicant to obtain an appraisal of the market value prepared by a qualified independent appraiser, of the building or structure before the start of construction of the proposed work; in the case of repair, the market value of the building or structure shall be the market value before the damage occurred and before any repairs are made;
- (1) Compare the cost to perform the improvement, the cost to repair a damaged building to its pre-damaged condition, or the combined costs of improvements and repairs, if applicable, to the market value of the building or structure;
- (2) Determine and document whether the proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; and
- (3) Notify the applicant if it is determined that the work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage and that compliance with the flood resistant construction requirements of the NC Building Code and this ordinance is required.

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7-1. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT/WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICTS

7-5. FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION*

7-5.1. Statutory Authorization and Legal Status Provisions.

- (A) *Statutory Authorization:* The Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3 and 4 of Article 18 of Chapter 153A; and Part 121, Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare. ~~of its citizenry.~~

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners of Guilford County, North Carolina, does ordain as follows:

(B) *Legal Status Provisions:*

- (1) *Effect on Rights and Liabilities under the Existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:* This Ordinance in part comes forward by re-enactment of some of the provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance enacted on November 19, 1990, as amended, and it is not the intention to repeal but rather to re-enact and continue to enforce without interruption of such existing provisions, so that all rights and liabilities that have accrued thereunder are reserved and may be enforced. The enactment of this Ordinance shall not affect any action, suit or proceeding instituted or pending. All provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of the unincorporated areas of Guilford County enacted on November 19, 1990, as amended, which are not reenacted herein are repealed.
- (2) *Effect upon Outstanding Floodplain Development Permits:* Nothing herein contained shall require any change in the plans, construction, size, or designated use of any development or any part thereof for which a Floodplain Development Permit has been granted by the Floodplain Administrator or his or her authorized agents before the time of passage of this Ordinance; provided, however, that when construction is not begun under such outstanding permit within a period of six (6) months subsequent to the date of issuance of the outstanding permit, construction or use shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (3) *Effective Date:* This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

7-5.2. Findings of Fact.

- (A) The flood prone areas within the jurisdiction of unincorporated Guilford County are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life, property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures of flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- (B) These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities and by the occupancy in flood prone areas of uses vulnerable to floods or other hazards.

7-5.3. Statement of Purpose. General Provisions

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions within flood prone areas by provisions designed to:

- (A) Restrict or prohibit uses that are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards or that result in damaging increases in erosion, flood heights or velocities;
- (B) Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities that serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (C) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective

barriers, which are involved in the accommodation of floodwaters;

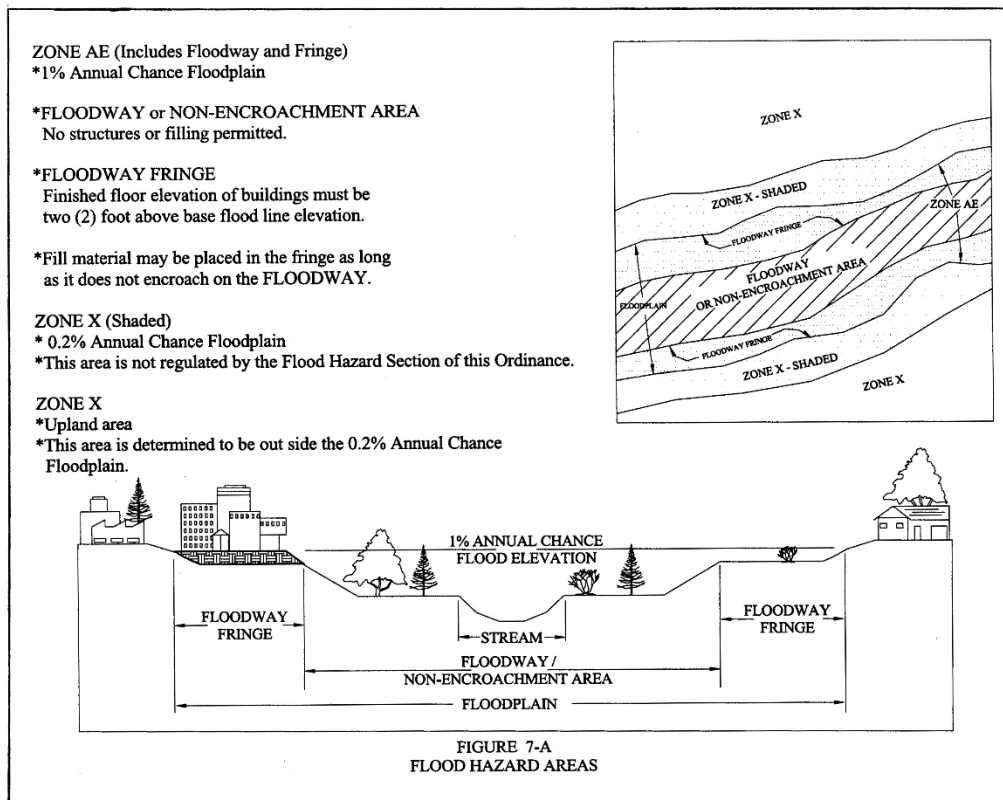
(D) Control filling, grading, dredging, and all other development that may increase erosion or flood damage; and

(E) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers that will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands.

(A) *Lands to Which this Ordinance Applies:* This Ordinance shall apply to all Special Flood Hazard Areas within unincorporated Guilford County. Bona fide farms are not exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance regulating development in floodways and floodplains as required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

(B) *Basis for Establishing the Special Flood Hazard Areas:* The Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified under the Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement between the State of North Carolina and FEMA in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), for Guilford County, dated June 18, 2007 which are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Ordinance.

7-5.4 General Provisions. Establishment of Floodplain Development Permit.



(C) *Lands to Which this Ordinance Applies:* This Ordinance shall apply to all Special Flood Hazard Areas within unincorporated Guilford County. Bona fide farms are not exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance regulating development in floodways and floodplains as required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

- (B) ~~*Basis for Establishing the Special Flood Hazard Areas: The Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified under the Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement between the State of North Carolina and FEMA in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), for Guilford County, dated June 18, 2007 which are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Ordinance. The Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified under the Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement between the State of North Carolina and FEMA in its FIS dated November 17, 2017 for Guilford County and associated DFIRM panels, including any digital data developed as part of the FIS, which are adopted by reference and declared a part of this ordinance. Future revisions to the FIS and DFIRM panels that do not change flood hazard data within the jurisdictional authority of Guilford County are also adopted by reference and declared a part of this ordinance. Subsequent Letter of Map Revisions (LOMRs) and/or Physical Map Revisions (PMRs) shall be adopted within 3 months.*~~

~~A Floodplain Development Permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance prior to the commencement of any development activities within Special Flood Hazard Areas determined in accordance with Section 7-5.3(B) of this Ordinance.~~

7-5.5. Objectives Compliance.

The objectives of this ordinance are to:

- (A) Protect human life, safety, and health;
- (B) Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- (C) Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- (D) Minimize prolonged business losses and interruptions;
- (E) Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities (i.e. water and gas mains, electric, telephone, cable and sewer lines, streets, and bridges) that are located in flood prone areas;
- (F) Minimize damage to private and public property due to flooding;
- (G) Make flood insurance available to the community through the National Flood Insurance Program;
- (H) Maintain the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains;
- (I) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood prone areas; and
- (J) Ensure that potential buyers are aware that property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area.

~~No structure or land shall hereafter be located, extended, converted, altered, or developed in any way without full compliance with the terms of this Ordinance and other applicable regulations.~~

7-5.6. Establishment of Floodplain Development Permit. Warning and Disclaimer of Liability.

A Floodplain Development Permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this Ordinance prior to the commencement of any development activities within Special Flood Hazard Areas determined in accordance with Section 7-5.3-4(B) of this Ordinance.

~~The degree of flood protection required by this Ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering consideration. Larger floods can and will occur. Actual flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This Ordinance does not imply that land outside the Special Flood Hazard Areas or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This Ordinance shall not create liability on the part of Guilford County or by any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this Ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.~~

7-5.7. Compliance. Floodplain Development Application, Permit and Certification Requirements.

No structure or land shall hereafter be located, extended, converted, altered, or developed in any way without full compliance with the terms of this Ordinance and other applicable regulations.

~~(A) — *Application for Permit:* On a property containing an area of Special Flood Hazard, application for a Flood Plain Development Permit shall be made in accordance with Section 3-3.5 (Flood Plain Development Permit).~~

~~(B) — *Certificate of Floor Elevation/Floodproofing:* When a property is located in a Flood Hazard Area or when a structure is floodproofed, a certificate shall be provided in accordance with Section 3-8.4 (Certificate of Floor Elevation/Floodproofing).~~

7-5.8. Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction.

~~This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where this ordinance and another conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.~~

~~(A) — *General Standards:* In all Special Flood Hazard Areas the following provisions are required:~~

- ~~1) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement of the structure.~~
- ~~2) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage.~~
- ~~3) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages.~~
- ~~4) 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. These include, but are not limited to, HVAC equipment, water softener units, bath/kitchen fixtures, ductwork, electric/gas meter panels/boxes, utility/cable boxes, appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators,~~

freezers, etc.), hot water heaters, and electric outlets/switches.

- 5) All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system.
- 6) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters.
- 7) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- 8) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction, or improvements to a structure, which is in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall meet the requirements of "new construction" as contained in this Ordinance.
- 9) Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of a building or structure existing on the effective date of this Ordinance and located totally or partially within the floodway, non-encroachment area, or stream setback, provided there is no additional encroachment below the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in the floodway, non-encroachment area, or stream setback, and provided that such repair, reconstruction, or replacement meets all of the other requirements of this Ordinance.
- 10) New solid waste disposal facilities and sites, hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities shall not be permitted, except by variance as specified in Section 9-5.9 (J). A structure or tank for chemical or fuel storage incidental to an allowed use or to the operation of a water treatment plant or wastewater treatment facility may be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area only if the structure or tank is either elevated or floodproofed to at least the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation and certified according to Section 3-8.4 of this Ordinance.
- 11) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
- 12) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.
- 13) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.
- 14) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have received all necessary permits from those governmental agencies for 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.
- 15) Permitted Uses. The following uses shall be permitted below flood protection elevation within the floodway fringe zone to the extent that they are

otherwise permitted by this Ordinance:

- a) ~~Any use as permitted and regulated in the floodway zone.~~
- b) ~~Fill material graded to drain, provided such is protected against erosion. Any fill material on which a structure is to be located shall be extended at grade ten (10) feet beyond the limits of the structure foundation, and shall have a side slope no steeper than two (2) feet horizontal to one (1) foot vertical.~~

(B) ~~Specific Standards: In all Special Flood Hazard Areas where Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data has been provided, as set forth in Section 7-5.3(B), or Section 9-7.3 (11 & 12), the following provisions, in addition to Section 7-5.8(A), are required:~~

- 1) ~~Residential Construction. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure (including manufactured homes) shall have the reference level, including basement, elevated no lower than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance.~~
- 2) ~~Non-Residential Construction. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or other non-residential structure shall have the reference level, including basement, elevated no lower than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance. Structures located in A, AE and A1-30 Zones may be floodproofed to the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in lieu of elevation provided that all areas of the structure, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, below the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation are watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water, using structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effect of buoyancy. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the standards of this subsection are satisfied. Such certification shall be provided to the Floodplain Administrator as set forth in Section 3-8.4, along with the operational and maintenance plans.~~
- 3) ~~Manufactured Homes.~~
 - a) ~~New or replacement manufactured homes shall be elevated so that the reference level of the manufactured home is no lower than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance.~~
 - b) ~~Manufactured homes shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement, either by engineer certification, or in accordance with the most current edition of the State of North Carolina Regulations for Manufactured Homes adopted by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to NCGS 143-143.15. Additionally, when the elevation would be met by an elevation of the chassis thirty six (36) inches or less above the grade at the site, the chassis shall be supported by reinforced piers or engineered foundation. When the elevation of the chassis is above thirty six (36) inches in height, an engineering~~

certification is required.

- e) ~~All enclosures or skirting below the lowest floor shall meet the requirements of Section 7-5.8 (B)(4)(a), (b), and (c).~~
- d) ~~An evacuation plan must be developed for evacuation of all residents of all new, substantially improved or substantially damaged manufactured home parks or subdivisions located within flood-prone areas. This plan shall be filed with and approved by the Floodplain Administrator and the local Emergency Management coordinator.~~

4) ~~*Elevated Buildings.* Fully enclosed area, of new construction and substantially improved structures, which is below the lowest floor:~~

- a) ~~Shall not be designed or used for human habitation, but shall only be used for parking of vehicles, building access, or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises. Access to the enclosed area shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking of vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment (standard exterior door), or entry to the living area (stairway or elevator). The interior portion of such enclosed area shall not be finished or partitioned into separate rooms, except to enclose storage areas;~~
- b) ~~Shall be constructed entirely of flood-resistant materials to the top of any enclosure below the lowest floor;~~
- c) ~~Shall include, in Zones A, AE, and A1-30, flood openings to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. To meet this requirement, the openings must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum design criteria:
 - i. ~~A minimum of two (2) flood openings on different sides of each enclosed area subject to flooding;~~
 - ii. ~~The total net area of all flood openings must be at least one (1) square inch for each square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;~~
 - iii. ~~If a building has more than one (1) enclosed area, each enclosed area must have flood openings to allow floodwaters to automatically enter and exit;~~
 - iv. ~~The bottom of all required flood openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above the adjacent grade;~~
 - v. ~~Flood openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices, provided they permit the automatic flow of floodwaters in both directions; and~~~~

- vi. ~~Enclosures made of flexible skirting are not considered enclosures for regulatory purposes, and, therefore, do not require flood openings. Masonry or wood underpinning, regardless of structural status, is considered an enclosure and requires flood openings as outlined above.~~

~~5) Additions/Improvements:~~

- a) ~~Additions and/or improvements to pre-FIRM structures when the addition and/or improvements in combination with any interior modifications to the existing structure are:
 - i. ~~Not a substantial improvement, the addition and/or improvements must be designed to minimize flood damages and must not be any more non-conforming than the existing structure.~~
 - ii. ~~A substantial improvement, both the existing structure and the addition and/or improvements must comply with the standards for new construction.~~~~
- b) ~~Additions to post-FIRM structures with no modifications to the existing structure other than a standard door in the common wall shall require only the addition to comply with the standards for new construction.~~
- c) ~~Additions and/or improvements to post-FIRM structures when the addition and/or improvements in combination with any interior modifications to the existing structure are:
 - i. ~~Not a substantial improvement, the addition and/or improvements only must comply with the standards for new construction.~~
 - ii. ~~A substantial improvement, both the existing structure and the addition and/or improvements must comply with the standards for new construction.~~~~
- d) ~~Where an independent perimeter load-bearing wall is provided between the addition and the existing building, the addition(s) shall be considered a separate building and only the addition must comply with the standards for new construction.~~

~~6) Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles shall either:~~

- a) ~~Be on site for fewer than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days and be fully licensed and ready for highway use (a recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities, and has no permanently attached additions); or~~
- b) ~~Meet all the requirements for new construction.~~

~~7) *Temporary Non-Residential Structures.* Prior to the issuance of a Floodplain Development Permit for a temporary structure, the applicant must submit to the Floodplain Administrator a plan for the removal of such structure(s) in the event of a hurricane, flash flood or other type of flood warning notification. The following information shall be submitted in writing to the Floodplain Administrator for review and written approval;~~

- ~~a) A specified time period for which the temporary use will be permitted. Time specified may not exceed three months, renewable up to one year;~~
- ~~b) The name, address, and phone number of the individual responsible for the removal of the temporary structure;~~
- ~~c) The time frame prior to the event at which a structure will be removed (i.e., minimum of 72 hours before landfall of a hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification);~~
- ~~d) A copy of the contract or other suitable instrument with the entity responsible for physical removal of the structure; and~~
- ~~e) Designation, accompanied by documentation, of a location outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, to which the temporary structure will be moved.~~

~~8) *Accessory Structures.* When accessory structures (sheds, detached garages, etc.) are to be placed within a Special Flood Hazard Area, the following criteria shall be met:~~

- ~~a) Accessory structures shall not be used for human habitation (including working, sleeping, living, cooking or restroom areas);~~
- ~~b) Accessory structures shall not be temperature controlled;~~
- ~~c) Accessory structures shall be designed to have low flood damage potential;~~
- ~~d) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;~~
- ~~e) Accessory structures shall be firmly anchored in accordance with Section 7-5.8(A)(1);~~
- ~~f) All service facilities such as electrical shall be installed in accordance with Section 7-5.8(A)(4); and~~
- ~~g) Flood openings to facilitate automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces shall be provided below Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in conformance with Section 7-5.8(B)(4)(c).~~

~~An accessory structure with a footprint less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet that~~

satisfies the criteria outlined above does not require an elevation or floodproofing certificate. Elevation or floodproofing certifications are required for all other accessory structures in accordance with Section 3-8.4.

7-5.9. Interpretation. Standards for Floodplains without Established Base Flood Elevations.

In the interpretation and application of this ordinance, all provisions shall be:

- (a) Considered as minimum requirements;
- (b) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- (c) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under State statutes.

(A) Within the Special Flood Hazard Areas designated as Approximate Zone A and established in Section 7-5.3(B), where no Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data has been provided by FEMA, the following provisions, in addition to Section 7-5.8(A) and (B), shall apply:

No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements or new development shall be permitted within a distance of twenty (20) feet each side from top of bank or five (5) times the width of the stream, whichever is greater, unless certification with supporting technical data by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that such encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

(B) The BFE used in determining the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation shall be determined based on one of the following criteria set in priority order:

- 1) If Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data is available from other sources, all new construction and substantial improvements within such areas shall also comply with all applicable provisions of this Ordinance and shall be elevated or floodproofed in accordance with standards in Section 9-7.3 (11 & 12).
- 2) All subdivision, manufactured home park and other development proposals shall provide Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data if development is greater than five (5) acres or has more than fifty (50) lots/manufactured home sites. Such Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data shall be adopted by reference per Section 7-5.3(B) to be utilized in implementing this Ordinance.
- 3) When Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data is not available from a Federal, State, or other source as outlined above, the reference level shall be elevated to or above the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6.

7-5.10. Warning and Disclaimer of Liability. Standards for Riverine Floodplains with BFE but Without Established Floodways or Non-Encroachment Areas.

The degree of flood protection required by this Ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering consideration. Larger floods can and will occur. Actual flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This Ordinance does not imply

that land outside the Special Flood Hazard Areas or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This Ordinance shall not create liability on the part of Guilford County or by any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that result from reliance on this Ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.

~~Along rivers and streams where BFE data is provided but neither floodway nor non-encroachment areas are identified for a Special Flood Hazard Area on the FIRM or in the FIS report, the following requirements shall apply to all development within such areas:~~

- ~~(A) — Standards outlined in Sections 7-5.8(A) and (B); and~~
- ~~(B) — Until a regulatory floodway or non-encroachment area is designated, no encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, or other development, shall be permitted unless certification with supporting technical data by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.~~

7-5.11. Penalties for Violation. Floodways and Non-Encroachment Areas.

Violation of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements, including violation of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variance or special exceptions, shall constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to NC G.S. § 143-215.58. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$100.00 or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent Guilford County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

~~Areas designated as floodways or non-encroachment areas are located within the Special Flood Hazard Areas established in Section 7-5.3(B). The floodways and non-encroachment areas are extremely hazardous areas due to the velocity of floodwaters that have erosion potential and carry debris and potential projectiles. The following provisions, in addition to standards outlined in Sections 7-5.8(A) and (B), shall apply to all development within such areas:~~

- ~~(A) — No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other developments shall be permitted unless it has been demonstrated that:
 - ~~1) — The proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in the flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood, based on hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice and presented to the Floodplain Administrator prior to issuance of Floodplain Development Permit, or~~
 - ~~2) — A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) has been approved by FEMA. A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) must also be obtained upon completion of the proposed encroachment.~~~~
- ~~(B) — If Section 7-5.11(A) is satisfied, all development shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~(C) — No manufactured homes shall be permitted, except replacement manufactured homes in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, provided the following provisions are met:~~

- ~~1) — The anchoring and the elevation standards of Section 7-5.8(B)(3); and~~
- ~~2) — The no encroachment standard of Section 7-5.11(A).~~

~~(D) — *Permitted Uses:* The following uses shall be permitted within the floodway zone to the extent that they are otherwise permitted by this Ordinance and provided that they do not employ structures or fill except as specified herein:~~

- ~~1) — General farming, pasture, outdoor plant nurseries, horticulture, forestry, wildlife sanctuary, game farm, and other similar agricultural, quarrying, wildlife and related uses;~~
- ~~2) — Ground level loading areas, ground level automobile parking areas, rotary aircraft ports and other similar industrial and commercial uses;~~
- ~~3) — Tractor trailer parking, provided that no trailers shall be detached from tractors;~~
- ~~4) — Lawns, gardens, play areas, and other similar uses;~~
- ~~5) — Golf courses, tennis courts, driving ranges, archery ranges, picnic grounds, parks, swimming pools, hiking or horseback riding trails, open space and other similar private and public recreational uses;~~
- ~~6) — Streets, bridges, utility lines, storm drainage facilities, sewage or waste treatment facilities, water supply facilities, and other similar public or private utility uses, but only if the proposed activity combined with the allowable encroachment of the floodway fringe and with any previously placed or previously approved encroachment in the complies with the provisions of Section 7-5.11(A);~~
- ~~7) — Temporary facilities such as displays, circuses, carnivals, or similar transient amusement enterprises;~~
- ~~8) — Boat docks, ramps, piers, or similar structures;~~
- ~~9) — Grading, as it complies with the provisions of Section 7-5.11(A); and~~
- ~~10) — Cantilevered portions of structures, provided that foundation and supports are located outside the floodway zone and the underside of the cantilevered portion is at least two (2) feet above Base Flood Elevation.~~

~~(E) — *Prohibited Uses:* Storage or processing of materials that are flammable, corrosive, toxic, or explosive, or which could otherwise be injurious to human, animal or plant life in time of flood is prohibited in the floodway zone.~~

7-5.12. Floodplain Development Application, Permit and Certification Requirements.

- (A) *Application for Permit:* On a property containing an area of Special Flood Hazard, application for a Flood Plain Development Permit shall be made in accordance with Section 3-3.5 (Flood Plain Development Permit).
- (B) *Certificate of Floor Elevation/Floodproofing:* When a property is located in a Flood Hazard Area or when a structure is floodproofed, a certificate shall be provided in accordance with Section 3-8.4 (Certificate of Floor Elevation/Floodproofing).

7-5.13. Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction.

In all Special Flood Hazard Areas, the following provisions are required:

(A) *General Standards:* In all Special Flood Hazard Areas the following provisions are required:

- 1) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement of the structure.
- 2) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage *in accordance with the FEMA Technical Bulletin 2, Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements.*
- 3) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages.
- 4) All new electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities shall be located at or above the RFPE or designed and installed to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during the occurrence of the base flood. ~~designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.~~ These include, but are not limited to, HVAC equipment, water softener units, bath/kitchen fixtures, ductwork, electric/gas meter panels/boxes, utility/cable boxes, appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, etc.), hot water heaters, and electric outlets/switches.
 - (a) Replacements part of a substantial improvement, electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment, and other service equipment shall also meet the above provisions.
 - (b) Replacements that are for maintenance and not part of a substantial improvement, may be installed at the original location provided the addition and/or improvements only comply with the standards for new construction consistent with the code and requirements for the original structure.
- 5) All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system.

- 6) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharges from the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters.
- 7) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- 8) Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of a building or structure existing on the effective date of this Ordinance and located totally or partially within the floodway, non-encroachment area, or stream setback, provided there is no additional encroachment below the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in the floodway, non-encroachment area, or stream setback, and provided that such repair, reconstruction, or replacement meets all of the other requirements of this Ordinance.

~~Any alteration, repair, reconstruction, or improvements to a structure, which is in compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall meet the requirements of "new construction" as contained in this Ordinance.~~

- 9) New solid waste disposal facilities and sites, hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities shall not be permitted, except by variance as specified in Section 9-5.15 (J). (k) A structure or tank for chemical or fuel storage incidental to an allowed use or to the operation of a water treatment plant or wastewater treatment facility may be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area only if the structure or tank is either elevated or floodproofed to at least the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation and certified according to Section 3-8.4 of this Ordinance.

~~Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of a building or structure existing on the effective date of this Ordinance and located totally or partially within the floodway, non-encroachment area, or stream setback, provided there is no additional encroachment below the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in the floodway, non-encroachment area, or stream setback, and provided that such repair, reconstruction, or replacement meets all of the other requirements of this Ordinance.~~

- 10) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.

~~New solid waste disposal facilities and sites, hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities shall not be permitted, except by variance as specified in Section 9-5.9 (J). A structure or tank for chemical or fuel storage incidental to an allowed use or to the operation of a water treatment plant or wastewater treatment facility may be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area only if the structure or tank is either elevated or floodproofed to at least the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation and certified according to Section 3-8.4 of this Ordinance.~~

- 11) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.

~~All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.~~

- 12) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

~~All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.~~

- 13) All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have received all necessary permits from those governmental agencies for 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.

~~All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.~~

- 14) When a structure is partially located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, the entire structure shall meet the requirements for new construction and substantial improvements.

~~All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have received all necessary permits from those governmental agencies for 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.~~

- 15) When a structure is located in multiple flood hazard zones or in a flood hazard risk zone with multiple base flood elevations, the provisions for the more restrictive flood hazard risk zone and the highest BFE shall apply.

~~Permitted Uses. The following uses shall be permitted below flood protection elevation within the floodway fringe zone to the extent that they are otherwise permitted by this Ordinance:~~

- ~~a) Any use as permitted and regulated in the floodway zone.~~
- ~~b) Fill material graded to drain, provided such is protected against erosion. Any fill material on which a structure is to be located shall be extended at grade ten (10) feet beyond the limits of the structure foundation, and shall have a side slope no steeper than two (2) feet horizontal to one (1) foot vertical.~~

- 16) Fill is prohibited in the SFHA, including construction of buildings on fill. This includes not approving Conditional Letters or Letters of Map Revision - Based on Fill (CLOMR-F or LOMR-F).

- (B) *Specific Standards:* In all Special Flood Hazard Areas where Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data has been provided, as set forth in Section 7-5.3 4(B), or Section 9-7.3 (11-K & 12L), the following provisions, in addition to Section 7-5.8-13(A), are required:

- 1) *Residential Construction.* New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure (including manufactured homes) shall have the reference level, including basement, elevated no lower than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance.
- 2) *Non-Residential Construction.* New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or other non-residential structure shall have the reference level, including basement, elevated no lower than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance. Structures located in A, AE and ~~A1-30~~, AH, AO, A99 Zones may be floodproofed to the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in lieu of elevation provided that all areas of the structure, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, below the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation are watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water, using structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effect of buoyancy. For AO Zones, the floodproofing elevation shall be in accordance with Section 9-7.3.(B) A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the floodproofing standards of this subsection are satisfied. Such certification shall be provided to the Floodplain Administrator as set forth in Section 9-7.3.(E), along with the operational plan and the inspection and maintenance plan. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the floodproofing standards of this subsection are satisfied. Such certification shall be provided to the Floodplain Administrator as set forth in Section 3-8.4, along with the operational and maintenance plans.
- 3) *Manufactured Homes.*
 - a) New or replacement manufactured homes shall be elevated so that the reference level of the manufactured home is no lower than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance.
 - b) Manufactured homes shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement, either by engineer certification, or in accordance with the most current edition of the State of North Carolina Regulations for Manufactured Homes adopted by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to NCGS 143-143.15. Additionally, when the elevation would be met by an elevation of the chassis thirty-six (36) inches or less above the grade at the site, the chassis shall be supported by reinforced piers or engineered foundation. When the elevation of the chassis is above thirty-six (36) inches in height, an engineering certification is required.
 - c) All enclosures or skirting below the lowest floor shall meet the requirements of Section 7-5.813. (B)(4)(a), (b), and (c).
 - d) An evacuation plan must be developed for evacuation of all residents of all new, substantially improved or substantially damaged

manufactured home parks or subdivisions located within flood prone areas. This plan shall be filed with and approved by the Floodplain Administrator and the local Emergency Management coordinator.

- 4) *Elevated Buildings*. Fully enclosed area, of new construction and substantially improved structures, which is below the lowest floor:
- a) Shall not be designed or used for human habitation, but shall only be used for parking of vehicles, building access, or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises. Access to the enclosed area shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking of vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment (standard exterior door), or entry to the living area (stairway or elevator). The interior portion of such enclosed area shall not be finished or partitioned into separate rooms, except to enclose storage areas;
 - b) Shall not be temperature-controlled or conditioned;
~~Shall be constructed entirely of flood resistant materials to the top of any enclosure below the lowest floor;~~
 - c) Shall be constructed entirely of flood resistant materials to the ~~top of any enclosure below the lowest floor~~ Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation: and
 - d) Shall include, in Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A99 ~~and A1-30~~, flood openings to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. To meet this requirement, the openings must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum design criteria;
 - i. A minimum of two (2) flood openings on different sides of each enclosed area subject to flooding;
 - ii. The total net area of all flood openings must be at least one (1) square inch for each square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
 - iii. If a building has more than one (1) enclosed area, each enclosed area must have flood openings to allow floodwaters to automatically enter and exit;
 - iv. The bottom of all required flood openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above the adjacent grade;
 - v. Flood openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices, provided they permit the automatic flow of floodwaters in both directions; and
 - vi. Enclosures made of flexible skirting are not considered enclosures for regulatory purposes, and, therefore, do not require flood openings. Masonry or wood underpinning,

regardless of structural status, is considered an enclosure and requires flood openings as outlined above.

(e) Fill/Grading

(i) Fill is prohibited in the SFHA.

(f) Property owners shall be required to execute and record a non-conversion agreement prior to issuance of a building permit declaring that the area below the lowest floor shall not be improved, finished or otherwise converted to habitable space. Guilford County will have the right to inspect the enclosed area. Guilford County will conduct annual inspections. This agreement shall be recorded with the County Name County Register of Deeds and shall transfer with the property in perpetuity.

(g) Release of restrictive covenant. If a property which is bound by a non-conversion agreement is modified to remove enclosed areas below BFE, then the owner may request release of restrictive covenant after staff inspection and submittal of confirming documentation.

5) Additions/Improvements.

a) Additions and/or improvements to pre-FIRM structures when the addition and/or improvements in combination with any interior modifications to the existing structure are:

i. Not a substantial improvement, the addition and/or improvements must be designed to minimize flood damages and must not be any more non-conforming than the existing structure.

ii. A substantial improvement, ~~both the existing structure and the addition and/or improvements~~ with modifications/rehabilitations/improvements to the existing structure or the common wall is structurally modified more than installing a doorway, both the existing structure and the addition must comply with the standards for new construction.

b) Additions to post-FIRM structures with no modifications to the existing structure other than a standard door in the common wall shall require only the addition to comply with the standards for new construction.

c) Additions and/or improvements to post-FIRM structures when the addition and/or improvements in combination with any interior modifications to the existing structure are:

- i. Not a substantial improvement, the addition and/or improvements only must comply with the standards for new construction.
 - ii. A substantial improvement, both the existing structure and the addition and/or improvements must comply with the standards for new construction.
- d) Where an independent perimeter load-bearing wall is provided between the addition and the existing building, the addition(s) shall be considered a separate building and only the addition must comply with the standards for new construction.

(e) Any combination of repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or improvement of a building or structure taking place during a one-year period, the cumulative cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the improvement or repair is started must comply with the standards for new construction. For each building or structure, the one-year period begins on the date of the first improvement or repair of that building or structure subsequent to the effective date of this ordinance. Substantial damage also means flood-related damage sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. If the structure has sustained substantial damage, any repairs are considered substantial improvement regardless of the actual repair work performed. The requirement does not, however, include either:

(i) Any project for improvement of a building required to correct existing health, sanitary or safety code violations identified by the building official and that are the minimum necessary to assume safe living conditions.

(ii) Any alteration of a historic structure provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure.

6) *Recreational Vehicles*. Recreational vehicles shall either:

- a) Be on site for fewer than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days and be fully licensed and ready for highway use (a recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities, and has no permanently attached additions);
- b) Permanent Placement. Recreational vehicles that do not meet the limitations of Temporary Placement shall meet all the requirements for new construction.

7) *Temporary Non-Residential Structures.* Prior to the issuance of a Floodplain Development Permit for a temporary structure, the applicant must submit to the Floodplain Administrator a plan for the removal of such structure(s) in the event of a hurricane, flash flood or other type of flood warning notification. The following information shall be submitted in writing to the Floodplain Administrator for review and written approval;

- a) A specified time period for which the temporary use will be permitted. Time specified may not exceed three months, renewable up to one year;
- b) The name, address, and phone number of the individual responsible for the removal of the temporary structure;
- c) The time frame prior to the event at which a structure will be removed (i.e., minimum of 72 hours before landfall of a hurricane or immediately upon flood warning notification);
- d) A copy of the contract or other suitable instrument with the entity responsible for physical removal of the structure; and
- e) Designation, accompanied by documentation, of a location outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, to which the temporary structure will be moved.

8) *Accessory Structures.* When accessory structures (sheds, detached garages, etc.) are to be placed within a Special Flood Hazard Area, the following criteria shall be met:

- a) Accessory structures shall not be used for human habitation (including working, sleeping, living, cooking or restroom areas);
- b) Accessory structures shall not be temperature-controlled;
- c) Accessory structures shall be designed to have low flood damage potential;
- d) Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;
- e) Accessory structures shall be firmly anchored in accordance with Section 7-5.8 7-5.13.(A)(1);
- f) All service facilities such as electrical shall be installed in accordance with Section 7-5.8 7-5.13.(A)(4); and
- g) Flood openings to facilitate automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces shall be provided below Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation in conformance with Section 7-5.8 7-5.13.(B)(4)(c).

An accessory structure with a footprint less than one hundred fifty (150) square feet or that satisfies the criteria outlined above does not require an elevation or that is a minimal investment of Structure \$3,000 or less and satisfies the criteria outlined above is not required to meet the elevation or floodproofing standards of Section 7-5.13.(B) (2). Elevation or floodproofing certifications are required for all other accessory structures in accordance with Section 7-5.12.(B). ~~flood proofing certificate. Elevation or floodproofing certifications are required for all other accessory structures in accordance with Section 3-8.4.~~

- 9) Tanks. When gas and liquid storage tanks are to be placed within a Special Flood Hazard Area, the following criteria shall be met:
 - (a) Underground tanks. Underground tanks in flood hazard areas shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads during conditions of the design flood, including the effects of buoyancy assuming the tank is empty;
 - (b) Above-ground tanks, elevated. Above-ground tanks in flood hazard areas shall be elevated to or above the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation on a supporting structure that is designed to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement during conditions of the design flood. Tank-supporting structures shall meet the foundation requirements of the applicable flood hazard area;
 - (c) Above-ground tanks, not elevated. Above-ground tanks that do not meet the elevation requirements of Section 7-5.13.(B)(2) of this ordinance shall be permitted in flood hazard areas provided the tanks are designed, constructed, installed, and anchored to resist all flood-related and other loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood and without release of contents in the floodwaters or infiltration by floodwaters into the tanks. Tanks shall be designed, constructed, installed, and anchored to resist the potential buoyant and other flood forces acting on an empty tank during design flood conditions.
 - (d) Tank inlets and vents. Tank inlets, fill openings, outlets and vents shall be:
 - (i) At or above the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation or fitted with covers designed to prevent the inflow of floodwater or outflow of the contents of the tanks during conditions of the design flood; and
 - (ii) Anchored to prevent lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood.

10) *Other Development.*

- (a) Fences in regulated floodways and NEAs that have the potential to block the passage of floodwaters, such as stockade fences and wire mesh fences, shall meet the limitations of Section 7-5.16. of this ordinance.
- (b) Retaining walls, sidewalks and driveways in regulated floodways and NEAs. Retaining walls and sidewalks and driveways that involve the placement of fill in regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of Section 7-5.16. of this ordinance.
- (c) Roads and watercourse crossings in regulated floodways and NEAs. Roads and watercourse crossings, including roads, bridges, culverts, low-water crossings and similar means for vehicles or pedestrians to travel from one side of a watercourse to the other side, that encroach into regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of Section 7-5.16. of this ordinance.

7-5.14. Standards for Floodplains without Established Base Flood Elevations.

- (A) Within the Special Flood Hazard Areas designated as Approximate Zone A and established in Section 7-5.34(B), where no Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data has been provided by FEMA, the following provisions, in addition to Section 7-5.813(A) and (B), shall apply:

No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements or new development shall be permitted within a distance of twenty (20) feet each side from top of bank or five (5) times the width of the stream, whichever is greater, unless certification with supporting technical data by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that such encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

- (B) The BFE used in determining the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation shall be determined based on one of the following criteria set in priority order:
 - 1) ~~If~~ When Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data is available from other sources, all new construction and substantial improvements within such areas shall also comply with all applicable provisions of this Ordinance and shall be elevated or floodproofed in accordance with standards in Section 9-7.3 (~~11J~~ & ~~12K~~).
 - 2) All subdivision, manufactured home park and other development proposals shall provide Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data if development is greater than five (5) acres or has more than fifty (50) lots/manufactured home sites. Such Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data shall be adopted by reference per Section ~~7-5.3~~ 7-5.4.(B) to be utilized in implementing this Ordinance.
 - 3) When Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data is not available from a Federal, State, or other source as outlined above, the reference level shall be elevated or floodproofed(nonresidential)to or above the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in Section 2-1.6.

- 4) When floodway or non-encroachment data is available from a Federal, State, or other source, all new construction and substantial improvements within floodway and non-encroachment areas shall also comply with the requirements of Sections 7-5.13.(B) and 7-5.16.

7-5.15. Standards for Riverine Floodplains with BFE but Without Established Floodways or Non-Encroachment Areas.

Along rivers and streams where BFE data is provided but neither floodway nor non-encroachment areas are identified for a Special Flood Hazard Area on the FIRM or in the FIS report, the following requirements shall apply to all development within such areas:

- (A) Standards outlined in Sections ~~7-5.8~~ 7-5.13.(A) and (B); and
- (B) Until a regulatory floodway or non-encroachment area is designated, no encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, or other development, shall be permitted unless certification with supporting technical data by a registered professional engineer is provided demonstrating that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.

7-5.16. Floodways and Non-Encroachment Areas.

Areas designated as floodways or non-encroachment areas are located within the Special Flood Hazard Areas established in Section ~~7-5.8~~ 7-5.13. (B). The floodways and non-encroachment areas are extremely hazardous areas due to the velocity of floodwaters that have erosion potential and carry debris and potential projectiles. The following provisions, in addition to standards outlined in Sections ~~7-5.8~~ 7-5.13.(A) and (B), shall apply to all development within such areas:

- (A) No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other developments shall be permitted unless it has been demonstrated that:
 - 1) The proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in the flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood, based on hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice and presented to the Floodplain Administrator prior to issuance of Floodplain Development Permit, or
 - 2) A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) has been approved by FEMA. A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) must also be obtained upon completion of the proposed encroachment.
- (B) If Section ~~7-5.11~~ 7-5.16.(A) is satisfied, all development shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of this Ordinance.
- (C) No manufactured homes shall be permitted, except replacement manufactured homes in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, provided the following provisions are met:

- (1) The anchoring and the elevation standards of Section ~~7-5.8~~ 7-5.13(B)(3); and
 - (2) The no encroachment standard of Section ~~7-5.11~~ 7-5.16.(A).
- (D) *Permitted Uses:* The following uses shall be permitted within the floodway zone to the extent that they are otherwise permitted by this Ordinance and provided that they do not employ structures or fill except as specified herein:
- 1) General farming, pasture, outdoor plant nurseries, horticulture, forestry, wildlife sanctuary, game farm, and other similar agricultural, quarrying, wildlife and related uses;
 - 2) Ground level loading areas, ground level automobile parking areas, rotary aircraft ports and other similar industrial and commercial uses;
 - 3) Tractor-trailer parking, provided that no trailers shall be detached from tractors;
 - 4) Lawns, gardens, play areas, and other similar uses;
 - 5) Golf courses, tennis courts, driving ranges, archery ranges, picnic grounds, parks, swimming pools, hiking or horseback riding trails, open space and other similar private and public recreational uses;
 - 6) Streets, bridges, utility lines, storm drainage facilities, sewage or waste treatment facilities, water supply facilities, and other similar public or private utility uses, but only if the proposed activity combined with the allowable encroachment of the floodway fringe and with any previously placed or previously approved encroachment in the complies with the provisions of Section 7-5.10.(A);
 - 7) Temporary facilities such as displays, circuses, carnivals, or similar transient amusement enterprises;
 - 8) Boat docks, ramps, piers, or similar structures;
 - 9) Grading, as it complies with the provisions of Section ~~7-5.11~~ 7-5.15.(A); and
 - 10) Cantilevered portions of structures, provided that foundation and supports are located outside the floodway zone and the underside of the cantilevered portion is at least two (2) feet above Base Flood Elevation.
- (E) *Prohibited Uses:* Storage or processing of materials that are flammable, corrosive, toxic, or explosive, or which could otherwise be injurious to human, animal or plant life in time of flood is prohibited in the floodway zone.

7-5.17. Standards for Areas of Shallow Flooding (Zone AO).

Located within the Special Flood Hazard Areas established in Section 7-5.4.(B), are areas designated as shallow flooding areas. These areas have special flood hazards associated with base flood depths of one (1) to three (3) feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist and where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate. In addition to Sections 7-5.13. (A)(B) and 7-5.13. (B)(2), all new construction and substantial improvements shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) The reference level shall be elevated at least as high as the depth number specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), in feet, plus a freeboard of two feet, above the highest adjacent grade; or at least two feet above the highest adjacent grade if no depth number is specified.
- (2) Non-residential structures may, in lieu of elevation, be floodproofed to the same level as required in Section 7-5.17.(1) so that the structure, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, below that level shall be watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy. Certification is required in accordance with Section 7-5.12(B) and Section 7-5.12(D)
- (3) Adequate drainage paths shall be provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

7-5.18. Standard for Areas of Shallow Flooding (Zone AH).

Located within the Special Flood Hazard Areas established in Section 7-5.4.(B), are areas designated as shallow flooding areas. These areas are subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are one (1) to three (3) feet. Base Flood Elevations are derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown in this zone. In addition to Sections 7-5.13. (A)(B) and 7-5.13. (B)(2), all new construction and substantial improvements shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Adequate drainage paths shall be provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

7-5.19. Legal Status Provisions.

(A) Effect on Rights and Liabilities Under the Existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

This ordinance in part comes forward by re-enactment of some of the provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance enacted insert adoption date of the community's initial Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as amended, and it is not the intention to repeal but rather to re-enact and continue to enforce without interruption of such existing provisions, so that all rights and liabilities that have accrued thereunder are reserved and may be enforced. The enactment of this ordinance shall not affect any action, suit or proceeding instituted or pending. All provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of Guilford County enacted on November 19, 1990, as amended, which are not reenacted herein are repealed.

(B) Effect Upon Outstanding Floodplain Development Permits.

Nothing herein contained shall require any change in the plans, construction, size, or designated use of any development or any part thereof for which a floodplain development permit has been granted by the Floodplain Administrator or his or her authorized agents before the time of passage of this ordinance; provided, however, that when construction is not begun under such outstanding permit within a period of six (6) months subsequent to the date of issuance of the outstanding permit, construction or use shall be in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.

(C) Severability.

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of the Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

Article IX

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9-5.9. Flood Hazard Appeals.

- (A) Authority: The Board of Adjustment, as established by Guilford County, hereinafter referred to as the "appeal board", shall hear and decide requests for variances from the requirements of this Ordinance.
- (B) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the appeal board may appeal such decision to the Court, as provided in Chapter 7A of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- (C) ~~Variations may be issued for:~~ **Appeal and Variance Considerations:** ~~In passing upon variances, the appeal board shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all standards specified in other sections of this Ordinance, and:~~
 - (1) ~~The repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon the determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and that the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure;~~
 - (1) ~~The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;~~
 - (2) ~~Functionally dependent facilities if determined to meet the definition as Section 2-1.6., provided Section 9-5.9(I), (2), (3) and (5) have been satisfied, and such facilities are protected by methods that minimize flood damages during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety; or~~
 - (2) ~~The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;~~
 - (3) ~~Any other type of development provided it meets the requirements of this Section.~~
 - (3) ~~The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;~~

- ~~(4) — The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;~~
- ~~(5) — The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location as defined under Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance as a functionally dependent facility, where applicable;~~
- ~~(6) — The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use;~~
- ~~(7) — The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;~~
- ~~(8) — The relationship of the proposed use to the Comprehensive Plan and Floodplain Management Program for that area;~~
- ~~(9) — The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;~~
- ~~(10) — The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and~~
- ~~(11) — The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems, and streets and bridges.~~

(D) Granting of Variances:

- (1) The repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon the determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and that the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.
- (2) Functionally dependent facilities if determined to meet the definition as stated in Section 2-1.6 of this Ordinance, provided provisions of Sections 9-5.9(I)(1), (2), and (3) have been satisfied, and such facilities are protected by methods that minimize flood damages.
- (3) Any other type of development, provided it meets the requirements stated in this Section.

(E) A written report addressing each of the above factors shall be submitted with the application for a variance.

(F) Upon consideration of the factors listed above and the purposes of this Ordinance, the

appeal board may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes of this Ordinance.

- (G) Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice specifying the difference between the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and the elevation to which the structure is to be built and that such construction below the Base Flood Elevation increases risks to life and property, and that the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the Base Flood Elevation will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of insurance coverage. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variance actions, including justification for their issuance.
- (H) The Floodplain Administrator shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variances to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of North Carolina upon request.
- (I) Conditions for Variances:
 - (1) Variances shall not be issued when the variance will make the structure in violation of other Federal, State, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances.
 - (2) Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway or non-encroachment area if the variance would result in any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge.
 - (3) Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
 - (4) Variances shall only be issued prior to development permit approval.
 - (5) Variances shall only be issued upon:
 - a) A showing of good and sufficient cause;
 - b) A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship; and
 - c) A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extraordinary public expense, create nuisance, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.
- (J) A variance may be issued for solid waste disposal facilities, hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities that are located in Special Flood Hazard Areas provided that all of the following conditions are met.
 - (1) The use serves a critical need in the community.
 - (2) No feasible location exists for the use outside the Special Flood Hazard

Area.

- (3) The reference level of any structure is elevated or flood proofed to at least the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation.
- (4) The use complies with all other applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- (5) The County of Guilford has notified the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety of its intention to grant a variance at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to granting the variance.

9-6. [Removed]

9-7. ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

9-7.1. Establishment and Authority.

The Governing Body shall appoint Enforcement Officer(s) to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. The Enforcement Officer may be provided with such agents to assist in the administration and enforcement as the Governing Body directs.

9-7.2. General Duties.

The Enforcement Officer shall:

- (A) Establish and publish application procedures for permits, appeals, and actions pursuant to this Ordinance and forms implementing the same;
- (B) Issue permits and certificates pursuant to this Ordinance;
- (C) Review and approve all development plans and permits to assure that the permit requirements of this Ordinance have been satisfied;
- (D) Interpret the applicability of the provisions of this Ordinance in matters where the text does not clearly provide guidance;
- (E) Maintain all records pertaining to the provisions of this Ordinance in his office(s) and make said records open for public inspection;
- (F) Periodically inspect properties and activities for which permits have been issued to determine whether the use(s) is being conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance;
- (G) Cause to be investigated violations of this Ordinance;
- (H) Enforce the provisions of this Ordinance;
- (I) Issue notice of corrective action(s) when required;

- (J) Use the remedies provided in this Ordinance to gain compliance;
- (K) Be authorized to gather evidence in support of said activities;
- (L) Receive appeals and forward cases to the appropriate body; and
- (M) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Governing Body.

9-7.3. Floodplain Hazard Administrator Duties.

An Enforcement Officer, hereinafter referred to as the "Floodplain Administrator", is hereby appointed to administer and implement the provisions of this Ordinance. The Floodplain Administrator shall perform, but not be limited to, the following duties:

- (A) Review all floodplain development applications and issue permits for all proposed development within Special Flood Hazard Areas to assure that the requirements of this Ordinance have been satisfied.
- (B) Review all proposed development within Special Flood Hazard Areas to assure that all necessary local, state and federal permits have been received, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334. Advise permittee that additional Federal or State permits (Wetlands, Endangered Species, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Riparian Buffers, Mining, etc.) may be required, and require that copies of such permits be provided and maintained on file with the Floodplain Development Permit.
- (C) Advise permittee that additional Federal or State permits (Wetlands, Endangered Species, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Riparian Buffers, Mining, etc.) may be required, and require that copies of such permits be provided and maintained on file with the Floodplain Development Permit. Notify adjacent communities and the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, State Coordinator for the National Flood Insurance Program prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit evidence of such notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- (D) Notify adjacent communities and the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, State Coordinator for the National Flood Insurance Program prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit evidence of such notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Assure that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood-carrying capacity is not diminished
- (E) Assure that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood-carrying capacity is not diminished. Prevent encroachments into floodways and non-encroachment areas unless the certification and flood hazard reduction provisions of Section 7-5.10 are met.
- (F) Obtain actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the reference level (including

basement) and all attendant utilities of all new or substantially improved structures, in accordance with Section 3-8.4.

- (G) Obtain actual elevation (in relation to ~~mean sea level~~ NAVD 1988) to which all new and substantially improved structures and utilities have been floodproofed, in accordance with Section 3-8.4.
- (H) When floodproofing is utilized for a particular structure, obtain certifications from a registered professional engineer or architect in accordance with Sections 3-8.4 and 7-5.8-13.(B)(2).
- (I) Where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Areas (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions), make the necessary interpretation. The person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in this article.
- (J) Where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Areas (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions), make the necessary interpretation. The person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in this article.
- (K) When Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data has not been provided in accordance with Section 7-5.3 4(B), obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data, along with floodway data or non-encroachment area data available from a Federal, State, or other source, including data developed pursuant to Section 7-5.9 14(B)(2), in order to administer the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (L) When Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data is provided but no floodway nor non-encroachment area data has been provided in accordance with Section 7-5.3 4 (B), obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any floodway data or non-encroachment area data available from a Federal, State, or other source in order to administer the provisions of this Ordinance.
- (M) When the lowest ground elevation of a parcel or structure in a Special Flood Hazard Area is above the Base Flood Elevation, advise the property owner of the option to apply for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) from FEMA. Maintain a copy of the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) issued by FEMA in the Floodplain Development Permit file.
- (N) Permanently maintain all records that pertain to the administration of this Ordinance and make these records available for public inspection, recognizing that such information may be subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.
- (O) Make on-site inspections of work in progress. As the work pursuant to a Floodplain Development Permit progresses, the Floodplain Administrator shall make as many inspections of the work as may be necessary to ensure that the work is being done according to the provisions of the local ordinance and the terms of the permit. In exercising this power, the Floodplain Administrator has a right, upon presentation of proper credentials, to enter on any premises within the jurisdiction of the community at any reasonable hour for the purposes of inspection or other enforcement action.

- (P) Issue stop-work orders as required. Whenever a building or part thereof is being constructed, reconstructed, altered, or repaired in violation of this Ordinance, the Floodplain Administrator may order the work to be immediately stopped. The stop-work order shall be in writing and directed to the person doing the work. The stop-work order shall state the specific work to be stopped, the specific reason(s) for the stoppage, and the condition(s) under which the work may be resumed. Violation of a stop-work order constitutes a misdemeanor.
- (Q) Revoke Floodplain Development Permits as required. The Floodplain Administrator may revoke and require the return of the Floodplain Development Permit by notifying the permit holder in writing stating the reason(s) for the revocation. Permits shall be revoked for any substantial departure from the approved application, plans, or specifications; for refusal or failure to comply with the requirements of State or local laws; or for false statements or misrepresentations made in securing the permit. Any Floodplain Development Permit mistakenly issued in violation of an applicable State or local law may also be revoked.
- (R) Make periodic inspections throughout all special flood hazard areas within the jurisdiction of the community. The Floodplain Administrator and each member of his or her inspections department shall have a right, upon presentation of proper credentials, to enter on any premises within the territorial jurisdiction of the department at any reasonable hour for the purposes of inspection or other enforcement action.
- (S) Follow through with corrective procedures of Section 8-3.
- (T) Review, provide input, and make recommendations for variance requests.
- (U) Maintain a current map repository to include, but not limited to, ~~the FIS Report, FIRM and other official flood maps and studies adopted in accordance with Section 7-5.3(B) of this Ordinance, including any revisions thereto including Letters of Map Change, issued by FEMA. Notify State and FEMA of mapping needs.~~ historical and effective FIS Report, historical and effective FIRM and other official flood maps and studies adopted in accordance with the provisions of 7-5.4(B) of this ordinance, including any revisions thereto including Letters of Map Change, issued by FEMA. Notify State and FEMA of mapping needs.
- (V) Coordinate revisions to FIS reports and FIRMs, including Letters of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F) and Letters of Map Revision (LOMR).

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