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3	ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 13
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5	AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE
6	VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, AMENDING LAND
7	DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 7-3 "FLOOD HAZARD
8	REDUCTION STANDARDS" TO UPDATE THE
9	EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY APPLICABLE
10	TO THE VILLAGE, AMEND THE PROCESS FOR
11	DETERMINING SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT AND
12	SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE DETERMINATIONS, UPDATE
13	REFERENCE TO THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE
14	HISTORIC BUILDINGS CHAPTER, SPECIFY ELEVATION
15	OF AND FOUNDATIONS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES
16	IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, PROVIDE STANDARDS FOR
17	NON-ELEVATED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN FLOOD
18	AREAS, AND AMEND DEFINITIONS; CLARIFYING AND
19	REENACTING THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 2015-16;
20	PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR
21	CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
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24	WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida has, in Chapter 125 – County
25	Government or Chapter 166 – Municipalities, Florida Statutes, conferred upon local governments
26	the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general
27	welfare of its citizenry; and
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29	WHEREAS, the Village of Estero participates in the National Flood Insurance Program
30	and participates in the NFIP's Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program that
31	recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum program requirements and achieved a CRS rating of Class 6, making citizens who purchase NFIP
32 33	flood insurance policies eligible for premium discounts; and
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34	WHEREAS, in 2020 the NFIP Community Rating System established certain minimum
35 36	prerequisites for communities to qualify for or maintain class ratings of Class 8 or better; and
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38	WHEREAS, to satisfy the prerequisite and for the Village of Estero to maintain the current
39	CRS rating, all manufactured homes installed or replaced in special flood hazard areas must be
40	elevated to or above at least the base flood elevation plus 1 foot, which necessitates modification
40	of the existing requirements; and
42	or the existing requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency released FEMA Policy
 #104-008-03 Floodplain Management Requirements for Agricultural Structures and Accessory
 Structures; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined it appropriate to modify requirements for
 accessory structures to be consistent with the FEMA Policy to allow issuance of permits for non elevated wet floodproofed accessory structures that are not larger than the sizes specified in the
 FEMA Policy; and

52 WHEREAS, the Village Council determined that it is in the public interest to amend the 53 floodplain management regulations to better protect manufactured homes and to continue 54 participating in the Community Rating System at the current class rating; and 55

WHEREAS, The Village Council determined it appropriate to incorporate into Chapter 7 amendments to the Florida Building Code that were previously adopted by ordinance 2015-16; and

60 WHEREAS, the Village wishes to clarify that the adoption of the Village Land 61 Development Code by Ordinance 2020-10, specifically Section 1-902 adopting the Florida 62 Building Code as codified in Chapter 553, Florida Statutes, was intended to repeal earlier building 63 code regulations adopted by Ordinance 2015-16, and to clarify any doubt that Ordinance 2015-16 64 is no longer in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA, THAT:

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Section 1. Amendments to Section 7-3 Flood Hazard Reduction Standards.

Section 7-3 "Flood Hazard Reduction Standards" of the Village Land Development Code
 is hereby amended, as shown in strikethrough and underline text, by the following amendments.

74 SECTION 7-3. FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION STANDARDS 75

7-301. Administration.

A. General.

1. *Scope*. This section applies to all development that is wholly within or partially within any flood hazard area or special flood hazard area (see Sec. 7-303, Definitions), including but not limited to the subdivision of land; filling, grading, and other site improvements and utility installations; construction, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, improvement, replacement, repair, relocation or demolition of buildings, structures, and facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code; placement, installation, or replacement of manufactured homes and manufactured buildings;

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86 87 88		installation or replacement of tanks; placement of recreational vehicles; installation of swimming pools; and any other development.
89 90 91 92	2.	<i>Purpose and Intent</i> . The purpose and intent of this section and the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code are to establish minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding through regulation of development
93 94 95		in flood hazard areas to:A. Minimize unnecessary disruption of commerce, access, and public service during
96 97 98		times of flooding;B. Require the use of appropriate construction practices in order to prevent or minimize future flood damage;
99 100 101		C. Manage filling, grading, dredging, mining, paving, excavation, drilling operations, storage of equipment or materials, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion potential;
102 103 104		 D. Manage the alteration of flood hazard areas, watercourses, and shorelines to minimize the impact of development on the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain;
105 106		E. Minimize damage to public and private facilities and utilities;F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of
107 108 109 110		 flood hazard areas; G. Minimize the need for future expenditure of public funds for flood control projects and response to and recovery from flood events; and H. Meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program for community participation as set for the in 44 CEP 50.22
111 112 113 114	3.	participation as set forth in 44 CFR 59.22. <i>Coordination with Florida Building Code</i> . This section is intended to be administered and enforced in conjunction with the Florida Building Code. Where cited, ASCE 24
115 116 117	4.	refers to the edition of the standard that is referenced by the Florida Building Code. <i>Warning</i> . The degree of flood protection required by this section and the Florida
118 119 120		Building Code, as amended by the Village of Estero, is considered the minimum reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur. Flood heights may be increased by
121 122 123		man-made or natural causes. This section does not imply that land outside of mapped special flood hazard areas, or that uses permitted within such flood hazard areas, will be free from flooding or flood damage. The flood hazard areas and base flood elevations
124 125 126 127		contained in the Flood Insurance Study and shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the requirements of 44 CFR Secs. 59 and 60, may be revised by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, requiring this community to revise these regulations to remain eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. No guaranty of vested
128		use, existing use, or future use is implied or expressed by compliance with this section.

129 5. Disclaimer of Liability. This section will not create liability on the part of the Village of 130 Estero or by any officer or employee of the Village for any flood damage that results 131 from reliance on this section or any administrative decision lawfully made under it. 132 133 **B.** Applicability. 134 General. 1. 135 136 Where there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific requirement, A. 137 the specific requirement will be applicable. 138 139 B. This section applies to all flood hazard areas within the Village of Estero, as established in subsection C below. 140 141 142 C. The Flood Insurance Study for Lee County, Florida and Incorporated Areas, 143 effective November 17, 2022August 28, 2008, and all subsequent amendments and 144 revisions, and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), and all subsequent amendments and revisions to such maps, are adopted by reference as a 145 part of this section and will serve as the minimum basis for establishing flood hazard 146 areas. Studies and maps that establish flood hazard areas are on file at the Village 147 148 Hall-Department of Community Development. 149 150 2. Submission of Additional Data to Establish Flood Hazard Area. To establish flood 151 hazard areas and base flood elevations, in accordance with Sec. 7-301.E, Site Plans and Construction Documents, the Floodplain Administrator may require submission of 152 additional data. Where field surveyed topography prepared by a Florida licensed 153 154 professional surveyor or digital topography accepted by the community indicates that 155 ground elevations: 156 157 A. Are below the closest applicable base flood elevation, even in areas not delineated 158 as a special flood hazard area on a FIRM, the area will be considered as a flood hazard area and subject to the requirements of this section and, as applicable, the 159 160 requirements of the Florida Building Code. 161 162 B. Are above the closest applicable base flood elevation, the area will be regulated as a special flood hazard area unless the applicant obtains a Letter of Map Change that 163 164 removes the area from the special flood hazard area. 165 3. Other Laws. The provisions of this section will not be deemed to nullify any provisions 166 167 of local, state, or federal law. 168 169 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions. This section supersedes any regulations in effect 4. 170 for management of development in flood hazard areas. However, it is not intended to repeal or abrogate any existing regulations including but not limited to land development 171

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172	regulations, zoning resolutions, stormwater management regulations, or the Florida
173	Building Code. In the event of a conflict between this section and any other regulations,
174	the more restrictive will govern. This section will not impair any deed restriction,
175	covenant, or easement, but any land that is subject to such interests will also be governed
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- 5. *Interpretation*. In the interpretation and application of this article, all provisions will be:
- A. Considered as minimum requirements;

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- B. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
- C. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

184 C. Duties and Powers of the Floodplain Administrator.

- 1. *Designation*. The Village Manager is designated as the Floodplain Administrator and may delegate another person to serve in this capacity. The Floodplain Administrator may delegate performance of certain duties to other employees.
- 190 2. *General.* The Floodplain Administrator is authorized and directed to administer and 191 enforce the provisions of this section. The Floodplain Administrator will have the 192 authority to render interpretations of this section consistent with the intent and purpose 193 of this section and may establish policies and procedures in order to clarify the 194 application of its provisions. Such interpretations, policies, and procedures will not have 195 the effect of waiving requirements specifically provided in this section without the 196 granting of a variance pursuant to Sec. 7-301.G, Variances and Appeals.
 - 3. *Applications and Permits*. The Floodplain Administrator, in coordination with other pertinent offices of the community, will:
 - A. Review applications and plans to determine whether proposed new development will be located in flood hazard areas;
 - B. Review applications for modification of any existing development in flood hazard areas for compliance with the requirements of this section;
- 205C.Interpret flood hazard area boundaries where such interpretation is necessary to206determine the exact location of boundaries; a person contesting the determination207will have the opportunity to appeal the interpretation;
 - D. Provide available flood elevation and flood hazard information;
- 209 E. Determine whether additional flood hazard data will be obtained from other sources
 210 or will be developed by an applicant;
- 211F. Review applications to determine whether proposed development will be212reasonably safe from flooding;
- 213G. Issue floodplain development permits or approvals for development other than214buildings and structures that are subject to the Florida Building Code, including

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215 buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code, when 216 compliance with this section is demonstrated, or disapprove the same in the event 217 of noncompliance; and 218 H. Coordinate to assure that applications, plan reviews, and inspections for buildings 219 and structures in flood hazard areas comply with the applicable provisions of this 220 section. 221 222 4. Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage Determinations. For applications for 223 building permits to improve buildings and structures, including alterations, movement, 224 enlargement, replacement, repair, change of occupancy, additions, rehabilitations, 225 renovations, substantial improvements, repairs of substantial damage, and any other 226 improvement of or work on such buildings and structures such that the value or size of 227 the buildings increases by at least 50 percent, calculated over the preceding five years, 228 the Floodplain Administrator shall: 229 230 A. Estimate the market value or require the applicant to obtain an appraisal of the market value prepared by using the Building Cost Value in the property appraiser's 231 232 records unless a qualified independent appraiser of just the structure is submitted, 233 of the building or structure before the start of construction of the proposed work; in 234 the case of repair. the market value of the building or structure will be the market 235 value before the damage occurred and before any repairs are made; 236 237 B. 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 238 239 repairs, if applicable, to the market value of the building or structure; 240 241 C. Determine and document whether the proposed work constitutes substantial 242 improvement or repair of substantial damage; the determination requires evaluation 243 of previous permits issued for improvements and repairs as specified in the 244 definition of "substantial improvement" and previous permits issued for repair of 245 flood-related damage; and 246 247 D. Notify the applicant if it is determined that the work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage and that compliance with the flood 248 249 resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code and this section is 250 required. 251 252 Modifications of the Strict Application of the Requirements of the Florida Building Code. 5. 253 The Floodplain Administrator will review requests submitted to the Building Official 254 that seek approval to modify the strict application of the flood load and flood resistant 255 construction requirements of the Florida Building Code to determine whether such 256 requests require the granting of a variance in accordance with Sec. 7-301.G, Variances 257 and Appeals.

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- *Notices and Orders*. The Floodplain Administrator will coordinate with appropriate local agencies for the issuance of all necessary notices or orders to ensure compliance with this section.
 - 7. *Inspections*. The Floodplain Administrator will make the required inspections as specified in Sec. 7-301.F, Inspections, for development that is not subject to the Florida Building Code, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code. The Floodplain Administrator will inspect flood hazard areas to determine if development is undertaken without issuance of a permit.
 - 8. *Other Duties of the Floodplain Administrator*. The Floodplain Administrator will have other duties, including but not limited to:
 - A. Establishing procedures for administering and documenting determinations of substantial improvement and substantial damage in accordance with Sec. 7-301.C.4, Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage Determinations;
 - B. Requiring that applicants proposing alteration of a watercourse notify adjacent communities and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, State Floodplain Management Office, and submit copies of such notifications to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);
 - C. Requiring applicants who submit hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analyses to support permit applications to submit to FEMA the data and information necessary to maintain the Flood Insurance Rate Maps if the analyses propose to change base flood elevations, flood hazard area boundaries, or floodway designations; such submissions will be made within six months of such data becoming available;
 - D. Reviewing required design certifications and documentation of elevations specified by this section and the Florida Building Code to determine that such certifications and documentations are complete;
 - E. Notifying FEMA when the corporate boundaries of the Village are modified; and
- F. Advising applicants for new buildings and structures, including substantial improvements, which are located in any unit of the Coastal Barrier Resources System established by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (Pub. L. 97-348) and the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-591) that federal flood insurance is not available on such construction; areas subject to this limitation are identified on Flood Insurance Rate Maps as "Coastal Barrier Resource System Areas" and "Otherwise Protected Areas."

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301 9. Floodplain Management Records. Regardless of any limitation on the period required 302 for retention of public records, the Floodplain Administrator will maintain and 303 permanently keep and make available for public inspection all records that are necessary 304 for the administration of this section and the flood resistant construction requirements of 305 the Florida Building Code, including Flood Insurance Rate Maps; Letters of Map 306 Change; records of issuance of permits and denial of permits; determinations of whether 307 proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; 308 required design certifications and documentation of elevations specified by the Florida 309 Building Code and this section; notifications to adjacent communities, FEMA, and the 310 state related to alterations of watercourses; assurances that the flood carrying capacity 311 of altered watercourses will be maintained; documentation related to appeals and variances, including justification for issuance or denial; and records of enforcement 312 313 actions taken in accordance with this section and the flood resistant construction 314 requirements of the Florida Building Code. These records are available for public 315 inspection at the Village Hall. 316

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- 1. *Permits Required.* Any owner or owner's authorized agent also referred to as "applicant" who intends to undertake any development activity within the scope of this section, including buildings, structures and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code, which is wholly within or partially within any flood hazard area shall first make application to the Floodplain Administrator and obtain the required permits and approvals. No such permit or approval will be issued until compliance with the requirements of this section and all other applicable codes and regulations has been satisfied.
- 2. Floodplain Development Permits or Approvals. Floodplain development permits or approvals will be issued in accordance with this section for any development activities not subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code including buildings, structures, and facilities exempt from the Florida Building Code. Depending on the nature and extent of proposed development that includes a building or structure, the Floodplain Administrator may determine that a floodplain development permit or approval is required in addition to a building permit.
- 3363. Buildings, Structures, and Facilities Exempt from the Florida Building Code. In337accordance with the requirements of federal regulation for participation in the National338Flood Insurance Program (44 CFR Secs. 59 and 60), floodplain development permits or339approvals will be required for buildings, structures and facilities that are exempt from340the Florida Building Code and any further exemptions provided by law, which are341subject to the requirements of this section.
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343 344	4.	Application for a Permit or Approval. To obtain a floodplain development permit of approval the applicant shall first file an application in writing on a form furnished by the			
345 346		Village. The information provided shall:			
347		A. Identify and describe the development to be covered by the permit or approval.			
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349 350		B. Describe the land on which the proposed development is to be conducted by legal description, street address or similar description that will readily identify and			
351 352		definitively locate the site.			
353		C. Indicate the use and occupancy for which the proposed development is intended.			
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355		D. Be accompanied by a site plan or construction documents as specified in Sec.			
356		7-301.E, Site Plans and Construction Documents.			
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358 359		E. State the valuation of the proposed work.			
360		F. Be signed by the applicant or the applicant's authorized agent.			
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362		G. Give such other data and information as required by the Floodplain Administrator.			
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363 364	5.	Validity of Permit or Approval. The issuance of a floodplain development permit or			
365	5.	approval in accordance with this section shall not be construed to be a permit for, or			
365		approval of, any violation of this section, the Florida Building Codes, or any other			
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368		Village regulations. The issuance of permits based on submitted applications,			
		construction documents, and information will not prevent the Floodplain Administrator			
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371	6.	Suspension or Revocation. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to suspend or			
372		revoke a floodplain development permit or approval if the permit was issued in error; on			
373		the basis of incorrect, inaccurate, or incomplete information; or in violation of this			
374		section or any other section, regulation, or requirement of the Village.			
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376	7.	Other Permits Required. Floodplain development permits and building permits shall			
377		include a condition that all other applicable state or federal permits be obtained before			
378		commencement of the permitted development, including but not limited to the following:			
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380		A. SFWMD; F.S. § 373.036.			
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382		B. Florida Department of Health for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; $ES = S^{291} 0005 \text{ mm} 1 \text{ Ch} (4E + C)$			
383		F.S. § 381.0065 and Ch. 64E-6, F.A.C.			
384 385		C. FDEP for activities subject to the Joint Coastal Permit; F.S. § 161.055.			

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391 392			E.	Federal permits and approvals.
393 394	E.	Site	e Plar	ns and Construction Documents.
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397			A.	The site plan or construction documents for any development subject to the
398				requirements of this section shall be drawn to scale and include, as applicable to the
399				proposed development:
400				1. Delineation of flood hazard areas, floodway boundaries and flood zone(s),
401				base flood elevation(s), and ground elevations if necessary for review of the
402				proposed development.
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404				2. Where base flood elevations, or floodway data are not included on the FIRM
405				or in the Flood Insurance Study, they shall be established in accordance with
406				Sec. 7-301.E.2.B or Sec. 7-301.E.2.C.
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408				3. Where the parcel on which the proposed development will take place will have
409				more than 50 lots or is larger than five acres and the base flood elevations are
410 411				not included on the FIRM or in the Flood Insurance Study, such elevations shall be established in accordance with Sec. 7-301.E.2.A.
412				 Location of the proposed activity and proposed structures, and locations of
413				existing buildings and structures; in coastal high hazard areas, new buildings
414				shall be located landward of the reach of mean high tide.
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416				5. Location, extent, amount, and proposed final grades of any filling, grading, or
417				excavation.
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419				6. If the placement of fill is proposed, the amount, type, and source of fill
420				material; compaction specifications; a description of the intended purpose of
421				the fill areas; and evidence that the proposed fill areas are the minimum
422				necessary to achieve the intended purpose.
423				necessary to achieve the interface purpose.
424				7. Extent of any proposed alteration of mangrove stands, provided such alteration
425				is approved by FDEP.
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427				8. Existing and proposed alignment of any proposed alteration of a watercourse.
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429		9. Estimated labor and material costs.
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431		B. The Floodplain Administrator is authorized to waive the submission of site plans,
432		construction documents, and other data that are required by this section but that are
433		not required to be prepared by a registered design professional if it is found that the
434		nature of the proposed development is such that the review of such submissions is
435		not necessary to ascertain compliance with this section.
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437	2.	Information in Flood Hazard Areas without Base Flood Elevations (Approximate Zone
438		A). Where flood hazard areas are delineated on the FIRM and base flood elevation data
439		have not been provided, the Floodplain Administrator shall:
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441		A. Require the applicant to include base flood elevation data prepared in accordance
442		with currently accepted engineering practices.
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444		B. Obtain, review, and provide to applicants base flood elevation and floodway data
445		available from a federal or state agency or other source or require the applicant to
446		obtain and use base flood elevation and floodway data available from a federal or
447		state agency or other source.
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449		C. Where base flood elevation and floodway data are not available from another
450		source, where the available data are deemed by the Floodplain Administrator to not
451		reasonably reflect flooding conditions, or where the available data are known to be
452		scientifically or technically incorrect or otherwise inadequate:
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454		1. Require the applicant to include base flood elevation data prepared in
455		accordance with currently accepted engineering practices; or
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457		2. Specify that the base flood elevation is two feet above the highest adjacent
458		grade at the location of the development, provided there is no evidence
459		indicating flood depths have been or may be greater than two feet.
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461		D. Where the base flood elevation data are to be used to support a Letter of Map
462		Change from FEMA, advise the applicant that the analyses shall be prepared by a
463		Florida licensed engineer in a format required by FEMA, and that it shall be the
464		responsibility of the applicant to satisfy the submittal requirements and pay the
465		processing fees.
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467	3.	Additional Analyses and Certifications. As applicable to the location and nature of the
468		proposed development activity, and in addition to the requirements of this section, the
469		applicant shall have the following analyses signed and sealed by a Florida licensed
470		engineer for submission with the site plan and construction documents:
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472 A. For development activities proposed to be located in a regulatory floodway, a 473 floodway encroachment analysis that demonstrates that the encroachment of the 474 proposed development will not cause any increase in base flood elevations; where 475 the applicant proposes to undertake development activities that do increase base 476 flood elevations, the applicant shall submit such analysis to FEMA as specified in 477 Sec. 7-301.E.4, Submission of Additional Data, and shall submit the Conditional 478 Letter of Map Revision, if issued by FEMA, with the site plan and construction 479 documents. 480 481 B. For development activities proposed to be located in a riverine flood hazard area for which base flood elevations are included in the Flood Insurance Study or on the 482 FIRM and floodways have not been designated, hydrologic and hydraulic analyses 483 484 that demonstrate that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when 485 combined with all other existing and anticipated flood hazard area encroachments, 486 will not increase the base flood elevation more than one foot at any point within the 487 community. This requirement does not apply in isolated flood hazard areas not 488 connected to a riverine flood hazard area or in flood hazard areas identified as Zone 489 AO or Zone AH. 490 491 C. For alteration of a watercourse, an engineering analysis prepared in accordance with 492 standard engineering practices which demonstrates that the flood-carrying capacity 493 of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse will not be decreased, and 494 certification that the altered watercourse shall be maintained in a manner which 495 preserves the channel's flood-carrying capacity; the applicant shall submit the 496 analysis to FEMA as specified in Sec. 7-301.E.4, Submission of Additional Data. 497 498 D. For activities that propose to alter sand dunes or mangrove stands in coastal high 499 hazard areas (Zone V), an engineering analysis that demonstrates that the proposed 500 alteration will not increase the potential for flood damage. 501 502 4. Submission of Additional Data. When additional hydrologic, hydraulic or other engineering data, studies, and additional analyses are submitted to support an 503 504 application, the applicant has the right to seek a Letter of Map Change from FEMA to 505 change the base flood elevations, change floodway boundaries, or change boundaries of 506 flood hazard areas shown on FIRMs, and to submit such data to FEMA for such 507 purposes. The analyses shall be prepared by a Florida licensed engineer in a format required by FEMA. Submittal requirements and processing fees will be the responsibility 508 509 of the applicant. 510 F. **Inspections.** General. Development for which a floodplain development permit or approval is 511 1. 512 required will be subject to inspection. 513

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- Development Other than Buildings or Structures. The Floodplain Administrator will
 inspect all development to determine compliance with the requirements of this section
 and the conditions of approval of a floodplain development permit.
- 5183. Buildings, Structures, and Facilities Exempt from the Florida Building Code. The519Floodplain Administrator will inspect buildings, structures, and facilities exempt from520the Florida Building Code to determine compliance with the requirements of this section521and the conditions of approval of a floodplain development permit.522
 - 4. Building Structures and Facilities Exempt from the Florida Building Code, Lowest Floor Inspection. Upon placement of the lowest floor, including basement, and prior to further vertical construction, the owner of a building, structure, or facility exempt from the Florida Building Code, or the owner's authorized agent, shall submit to the Floodplain Administrator:
 - A. If a design flood elevation was used to determine the required elevation of the lowest floor, the certification of elevation of the lowest floor prepared and sealed by a Florida licensed professional surveyor; or
 - B. If the elevation used to determine the required elevation of the lowest floor was determined in accordance with Sec. 7-301.E.2, Information in Flood Hazard Areas without Base Flood Elevations (Approximate Zone A), the documentation of height of the lowest floor above highest adjacent grade, prepared by the owner or the owner's authorized agent.
- 5. *Buildings, Structures, and Facilities Exempt from the Florida Building Code, Final* 540 *Inspection.* As part of the final inspection, the owner or owner's authorized agent shall 541 submit to the Floodplain Administrator a final certification of elevation of the lowest 542 floor or final documentation of the height of the lowest floor above the highest adjacent 543 grade; such certifications and documentations shall be prepared as specified in Sec. 544 7-301.F.4, Building Structures and Facilities Exempt from the Florida Building Code, 545 Lowest Floor Inspection.
- 5476.Manufactured Homes. The Building Official shall inspect manufactured homes that are548installed or replaced in flood hazard areas to determine compliance with the549requirements of this section and the conditions of the issued permit. Upon placement of550a manufactured home, certification of the elevation of the lowest floor shall be submitted551to the Building Official.
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G. Variances and Appeals.

1. *General*. The <u>Planning, Zoning and Design Board</u> ("PZDB"), acting as the Board of <u>Adjustment and Appeals pursuant to Section 553.73(5), F.S.</u>, shall hear and decide on

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- requests for appeals and requests for variances from the strict application of this section.
 This section does not apply to Sec. 3109 of the Florida Building Code, Building.
 - 2. *Appeals*. The PZDB shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged there is an error in any requirement, decision, or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the administration and enforcement of this section. Any person aggrieved by the decision may appeal such decision to the Circuit Court, as provided by state law.
 - 3. *Limitations on Authority to Grant Variances.* The PZDB will base its decisions on variances on technical justifications submitted by applicants, the considerations for issuance in Sec. 7-301.G.7, Considerations for Issuance of Variances, the conditions of issuance set forth in Sec. 7-301.G.8, Conditions for Issuance of Variances, and the comments and recommendations of the Building Official. The PZDB has the right to attach such conditions as it deems necessary to further the purposes and objectives of this section.
 - 4. *Restrictions in Floodways*. A variance will not be issued for any proposed development in a floodway if any increase in base flood elevations would result, as evidenced by the applicable analyses and certifications required in Sec. 7-301.E.3, Additional Analyses and Certifications.
 - 5. *Historic Buildings*. A variance is authorized to be issued for the repair, improvement, or rehabilitation of a historic building that is determined eligible for the exception to the flood resistant construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Chapter <u>12</u> <u>14</u> Historic Buildings, upon a determination that the proposed repair, improvement, or rehabilitation will not preclude the building's continued designation as a historic building and the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the building. If the proposed work precludes the building's continued designation as a historic building as a historic building, a variance will not be granted and the building and any repair, improvement, and rehabilitation will be subject to the requirements of the Florida Building Code.
- *Functionally Dependent Uses.* A variance is authorized to be issued for the construction or substantial improvement necessary for the conduct of a functionally dependent use, as defined in this section, provided the variance meets the requirements of Sec.
 7-301.G.4, Restrictions in Floodways is the minimum necessary considering the flood hazard, and all due consideration has been given to use of methods and materials that minimize flood damage during occurrence of the base flood.
 - 7. *Considerations for Issuance of Variances*. In reviewing requests for variances, the PZDB will consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all other applicable provisions of the Florida Building Code, this section, and the following:

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600		A.	The danger that materials and debris may be swept onto other lands resulting in
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602		B.	The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
603		<i>С</i> .	The susceptibility of the proposed development, including contents, to flood
604		с.	damage and the effect of such damage on current and future owners;
605		D.	The importance of the services provided by the proposed development to the
606		Ъ.	community;
607		E.	The availability of alternate locations for the proposed development that are subject
608		2.	to lower risk of flooding or erosion;
609		F.	The compatibility of the proposed development with existing and anticipated
610			development;
611		G.	The relationship of the proposed development to the comprehensive plan and
612			floodplain management program for the area;
613		H.	The safety of access to the property in times of flooding for ordinary and emergency
614			vehicles;
615		I.	The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise and debris and sediment
616			transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable expected
617			at the site; and
618		J.	The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions
619			including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas,
620			electrical and water systems, streets and bridges.
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622	8.	Сог	nditions for Issuance of Variances. Variances may be issued only upon:
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643copy in the record of a written notice from the Floodplain Administrator to the644applicant for the variance, specifying the difference between the base flood645elevation and the proposed elevation of the lowest floor, stating that the cost of646federal flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from647the reduced floor elevation (up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance648coverage), and stating that construction below the base flood elevation increases649risks to life and property.

- H. Violations. Any development that is not within the scope of the Florida Building Code but that is regulated by this section that is performed without an issued permit, that is in conflict with an issued permit, or that does not fully comply with this section, will be deemed a violation of this LDC. A building or structure without the documentation of elevation of the lowest floor, other required design certifications, or other evidence of compliance required by this section or the Florida Building Code is presumed to be a violation until such time as that documentation is provided.
- Authority. For development that is not within the scope of the Florida Building Code but that is regulated by this section and that is determined to be a violation, the Floodplain Administrator is authorized to serve notices of violation or stop work orders to owners of the property involved, to the owner's agent, or to the person or persons performing the work.
 - 2. Unlawful Continuance. Any person who continues any work after having been served with a notice of violation or a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove or remedy a violation or unsafe condition, will be subject to penalties as prescribed by law.
- 670 7-302. Flood Resistant Development.
- 672 A. Buildings and Structures Exempt from Florida Building Code.

Building and Structures Exempt from Florida Building Code. In accordance with Sec. 673 1. 674 7-301.D.3, Buildings, Structures, and Facilities Exempt from the Florida Building Code, buildings, structures, and facilities that are exempt from the Florida Building Code, including 675 substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage of such buildings, structures and 676 677 facilities, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the flood load and flood resistant construction requirements of ASCE 24. Structures exempt from the Florida Building 678 Code that are not walled and roofed buildings shall comply with the requirements of Sec. 7-679 680 302.G, Other Development. Amend the definitions of "substantial damage" and "substantial improvement" in the 681 Florida Building Code, Building Section 202, and Florida Building Code. Existing Building 682 683 Section 202, as follows:

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SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE. For the purposes of determining compliance with the
 flood provisions of this Code, damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost
 of restoring the structure to is before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of
 the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. The term also includes
 buildings and structures that have experienced repetitive loss.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT. For the purposes of determining compliance with the flood provision of this Code, any combination of repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration, addition, or other improvement of a building or structure taking place during a five-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. The period of accumulation begins with the first improvement or repair of each building is permitted subsequent to November 18, 1992. If the structure has sustained substantial damage, any repairs are considered substantial improvement regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

1. Any project for improvement of a building required to correct existing health, sanitary or safety code violations identified by the building official and that is the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions.

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

708 B. Subdivisions.

- 1. *Minimum Requirements*. Subdivision proposals, including proposals for manufactured home parks and subdivisions, shall be reviewed to determine that:
 - A. Such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and will be reasonably safe from flooding;
 - B. All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electric, communications, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
 - C. Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards; in Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths shall be provided to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.
- Standards for Subdivision and Other Development Proposals. Where any portion of
 proposed subdivisions, including manufactured home parks and subdivisions, lies within
 a flood hazard area, the following shall be required:

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728 729 730 731			A. Where the subdivision is greater than 50 lots or five acres and base flood elevations are not included on the FIRM, base flood elevations determined in accordance with Sec. 7-301.E.2.A; and
731 732 733 734			B. Compliance with the site improvement and utilities requirements of Sec. 7-302.C, Site Improvements, Utilities and Limitations.
735 736	C.	Site	e Improvements, Utilities and Limitations.
730 737 738 739		1.	<i>Minimum Requirements</i> . All proposed new development will be reviewed to determine that:
740 741 742			A. Such proposals are consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and will be reasonably safe from flooding;
743 744 745 746			B. All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electric, communications, and water systems are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and
747 748 749 750			C. Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards; in Zones AH and AO, adequate drainage paths shall be provided to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.
730 751 752 753 754 755 756 757		2.	<i>Sanitary Sewage Facilities</i> . All new and replacement sanitary sewage facilities, private sewage treatment plants (including all pumping stations and collector systems), and onsite waste disposal systems shall be designed in accordance with the standards for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems in Ch. 64E-6, F.A.C. and ASCE 24 Ch. 7 to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the facilities and discharge from the facilities into floodwaters, and impairment of the facilities and systems.
758 759 760 761 762		3.	<i>Water Supply Facilities.</i> All new and replacement water supply facilities shall be designed in accordance with the water well construction standards in Ch. 62-532.500, F.A.C. and ASCE 24 Ch. 7 to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems.
763 764 765 766 766 767 768		4.	<i>Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways.</i> No development, including but not limited to site improvements, and land disturbing activity involving fill or regrading, may be authorized in the regulatory floodway unless the floodway encroachment analysis required in Sec. 7-301.E.3.A, demonstrates that the proposed development or land disturbing activity will not result in any increase in the base flood elevation.
768 769 770		5.	Limitations on Placement of Fill. Subject to the limitations of this section, fill shall be designed to be stable under conditions of flooding, including rapid rise and rapid

771 drawdown of floodwaters, prolonged inundation, and protection against flood-related 772 erosion and scour. In addition to these requirements, if intended to support buildings and 773 structures (Zone A only), fill shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building 774 Code. 775 776 6. Limitations on Sites in Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zone V). In coastal high hazard 777 areas, alteration of sand dunes and mangrove stands will be permitted only if such 778 alteration is approved by the FDEP and only if the engineering analysis required by Sec. 779 7-301.E.3.D demonstrates that the proposed alteration will not increase the potential for 780 flood damage. 781 782 **Manufactured Homes.** D. 783 784 1. General. 785 786 All manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed by an A. 787 installer that is licensed in accordance with F.S. § 320.8249, and shall comply with 788 the requirements of Ch. 15C-1, F.A.C. and the requirements of this section. 789 790 B. The placement of manufactured homes or recreational vehicles is prohibited in 791 coastal high hazard areas (Zone V), except in an existing manufactured home or 792 recreational vehicle park or subdivision. A replacement manufactured home or 793 recreational vehicle may be placed on a lot in an existing manufactured home or 794 recreational vehicle park or subdivision, provided the anchoring standards of Sec. 795 7-302.D.3, Anchoring, and the elevation standards of Sec. 7-302.D.4, Elevation, 7-302.D.5, General Elevation Requirement, and Sec. 7-302.D.6, Elevation 796 Requirement for Certain Existing Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions, as 797 798 applicable, are met. New or expanded manufactured home or recreational vehicle 799 parks or subdivisions are prohibited until such time, if ever, that Village of Estero 800 Plan Policy 80.1.2 is amended or repealed so as to allow such new or expanded manufactured home or recreational vehicle development. 801 802 803 2. Foundations. All new manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes installed in flood hazard areas shall be installed on permanent, reinforced foundations 804 805 that: 806 807 A. In flood hazard areas (Zone A) other than coastal high hazard areas, are designed 808 in accordance with the foundation requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.2 and this section. Foundations for manufactured homes 809 subject to Sec. 7-302.D.6.B are permitted to be reinforced piers or other foundation 810 elements of at least equivalent strength. 811 812

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- B. In coastal high hazard areas (Zone V), are designed in accordance with the foundation requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.3 and this section.
- 3. *Anchoring*. All new manufactured homes and replacement manufactured homes shall be installed using methods and practices which minimize flood damage and shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This anchoring requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for wind resistance.
 - 4. Elevation. <u>All manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved in flood hazard areas shall be elevated such that the bottom of the frame is at or above the elevation required, as applicable to the flood hazard area, in the *Florida Building Code, Residential* Section R322.2 (Zone A) or Section R322.3 (Zone V and Coastal A Zone). <u>Manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved shall comply with Sec. 7-302.D.5, General Elevation Requirement, and Sec. 7-302.D.6, Elevation Requirement for Certain Existing Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions, as applicable.</u></u>
- 833 5. General Elevation Requirement. Unless subject to the requirements of Sec. 7-302.D.6, 834 Elevation Requirement for Certain Existing Manufactured Home Parks and 835 Subdivisions, all manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved on sites located: (a) outside of a manufactured home park or subdivision; (b) 836 837 in a new manufactured home park or subdivision; (c) in an expansion to an existing 838 manufactured home park or subdivision; or (d) in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision upon which a manufactured home has incurred "substantial damage" as 839 840 the result of a flood, shall be elevated such that the top or the lowest floor is at or above 841 the elevation required, as applicable to the flood hazard area, in the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322.2 (Zone A) or Section R322.3 (Zone V). 842
- 6. Elevation Requirement for Certain Existing Manufactured Home Parks and Subdivisions. Manufactured homes that are not subject to Sec. 7-302.D.5, General Elevation Requirement, including manufactured homes that are placed, replaced, or substantially improved on sites located in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision, unless on a site where substantial damage as result of flooding has occurred, shall be elevated such that either the:
- A. Top or the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the elevation
 required, as applicable to the flood hazard area, in the Florida Building Code,
 Residential Section R322.2 (Zone A) or Section R322.3 (Zone V); or
 - B. Bottom of the frame is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elements of at least equivalent strength that are not less than 36 inches in height above grade.

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857		<u>5.</u> 7.	Enclosures. Enclosed areas below elevated manufactured homes shall comply with the
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859			such enclosed areas, as applicable to the flood hazard area.
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861		<u>6. </u> 8.	Utility Equipment. Utility equipment that serves manufactured homes, including electric,
862			heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service
863			facilities, shall comply with the requirements of the Florida Building Code, Residential
864			Section R322, as applicable to the flood hazard area.
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866	E.	Rec	reational Vehicles and Park Trailers.
867		1.	Temporary Placement. Recreational vehicles and park trailers placed temporarily in
868			flood hazard areas shall:
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870			A. Be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days; or
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872			B. Be fully licensed and ready for highway use, which means the recreational vehicle
873			or park model is on wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick-
874			disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanent attachments
875			such as additions, rooms, stairs, decks, and porches.
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877		2.	Permanent Placement. Recreational vehicles and park trailers that do not meet the
878			limitations in Sec. 7-302.E.1, Temporary Placement, shall meet the requirements of Sec.
879			7-302.D, Manufactured Homes.
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883		1.	Underground Tanks. Underground tanks in flood hazard areas shall be anchored to
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885			hydrostatic loads during conditions of the design flood, including the effects of buoyancy
886			assuming the tank is empty.
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888		2.	Above-Ground Tanks, Not Elevated. Above-ground tanks that do not meet the elevation
889			requirements of Sec. 7-302.F.3, Above Ground Tanks, Elevated, shall:
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891			A. Be permitted only in flood hazard areas (Zone A) other than coastal high hazard
892			areas, provided the tanks are anchored or otherwise designed and constructed to
893			prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and
894			hydrostatic loads during conditions of the design flood, including the effects of
895			buoyancy assuming the tank is empty and the effects of flood-borne debris.
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897			B. Not be permitted in coastal high hazard areas (Zone V).
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904 905		4.	Tani	k Inlets and Vents. Tank inlets, fill openings, outlets, and vents shall be:
906 907 908 909 910			A.	At or above the design flood 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
911 912 913 914			В.	Anchored to prevent lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood.
915	G.	Oth	er D	evelopment.
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922 923 924 925			B.	Meet the limitations of Sec. 7-302.C.4, Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways, if located in a regulated floodway;
923 926 927 928 929			C.	Be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement resulting from hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the design flood;
929 930 931			D.	Be constructed of flood damage-resistant materials; and
932 933 934 935 936 937			E.	Have mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems above the design flood elevation, except that minimum electric service required to address life safety and electric code requirements is permitted below the design flood elevation provided it conforms to the provisions of the electrical part of the Building Code for wet locations.
938 939 940 941		2.	requ	essory Structures. Accessory structures are not required to meet the elevation nirements if they meet all of the following requirements, in addition to those set forth ec. 7-302.C.4, Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways:

942		A. The structure is securely anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral
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945		B. The building is a minimal investment, and the total size of the building does not
946		exceed 1,000 square feet in floor area;
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948		C. The structure is used exclusively for uninhabitable parking or storage purposes;
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950		D. All electrical or heating equipment is elevated above the base flood elevation or
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953		E. For accessory structures located in coastal high-hazard areas (V zones), breakaway
954		walls are used below the lowest floor.
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956		Non-elevated accessory structures. Accessory structures are permitted below elevations
957		required by the Florida Building Code provided the accessory structures are used only
958		for parking or storage and:
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960		A. If located in special flood hazard areas (Zone A/AE) other than coastal high
961		hazard areas, are one-story and not larger than 600 sq. ft. and have flood openings in
962		accordance with Section R322.2 of the Florida Building Code, Residential.
963		decordance with Section R522.2 of the Fiorida Bunding Code, Residential.
964		B. If located in coastal high hazard areas (Zone V/VE), are not located below
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960 967		C. Are anchored to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from flood
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909 970		D. Have flood damage-resistant materials used below the base flood elevation plus
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		<u>E. Have mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, including plumbing fixtures,</u>
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976	3.	Fences in Regulated Floodways. Fences in regulated floodways that have the potential
977		to block the passage of floodwaters shall meet the limitations of Sec. 7-302.C.4,
978		Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways.
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980	4.	Retaining Walls, Sidewalks and Driveways in Regulated Floodways. Retaining walls and
981		sidewalks and driveways that involve the placement of fill in regulated floodways shall
982		meet the limitations of Sec. 7-302.C.4, Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways.
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- 9845. Roads and Watercourse Crossings in Regulated Floodways. Roads and watercourse985crossings, including roads, bridges, culverts, low-water crossings, and similar means for986vehicles or pedestrians to travel from one side of a watercourse to the other side, that987encroach into regulated floodways, shall meet the limitations of Sec. 7-302.C.4,988Limitations on Sites in Regulatory Floodways. Alteration of a watercourse that is part of989a road or watercourse crossing shall meet the requirements of Sec. 7-301.E.3, Additional990Analyses and Certifications.
 - 6. Concrete Slabs Used as Parking Pads, Enclosure Floors, Landings, Decks, Walkways, Patios, and Similar Nonstructural Uses in Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zone V). In coastal high hazard areas, concrete slabs used as parking pads, enclosure floors, landings, decks, walkways, patios, and similar nonstructural uses are permitted beneath or adjacent to buildings and structures, provided the concrete slabs are designed and constructed to be:
 - A. Structurally independent of the foundation system of the building or structure;
 - B. Frangible and not reinforced, so as to minimize debris during flooding that is capable of causing significant damage to any structure; and
 - C. Have a maximum slab thickness of not more than four inches.
 - 7. Decks and Patios in Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zone V). In addition to the requirements of the Florida Building Code, in coastal high hazard areas, decks and patios shall be located, designed, and constructed in compliance with the following:
 - A. A deck that is structurally attached to a building or structure shall have the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member at or above the design flood elevation and any supporting members that extend below the design flood elevation shall comply with the foundation requirements that apply to the building or structure, which shall be designed to accommodate any increased loads resulting from the attached deck.
- 1017B.A deck or patio that is located below the design flood elevation shall be structurally1018independent from buildings or structures and their foundation systems and shall be1019designed and constructed either to remain intact and in place during design flood1020conditions or to break apart into small pieces to minimize debris during flooding1021that is capable of causing structural damage to the building or structure, or to1022adjacent buildings and structures.
- 1024C.A deck or patio that has a vertical thickness of more than 12 inches or that is1025constructed with more than the minimum amount of fill necessary for site drainage1026shall not be approved unless an analysis prepared by a qualified registered design

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1027 1028 1029		professional demonstrates no harmful diversion of floodwaters or wave runup and wave reflection that would increase damage to the building or structure or to adjacent buildings and structures.
1030 1031 1032 1033 1034 1035		D. A deck or patio that has a vertical thickness of 12 inches or less and that is at natural grade or on nonstructural fill material that is similar to and compatible with local soils and is the minimum amount necessary for site drainage may be approved without requiring analysis of the impact on diversion of floodwaters or wave runup and wave reflection.
1036 1037 1038 1039 1040 1041 1042 1043 1044 1045	8.	Other Development in Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zone V). In coastal high hazard areas, development activities other than buildings and structures may be permitted only if it is also authorized by the appropriate federal, state, or local authority; if located outside the footprint of, and not structurally attached to, buildings and structures; and if analyses prepared by qualified registered design professionals demonstrate no harmful diversion of floodwaters or wave runup and wave reflection that would increase damage to adjacent buildings and structures. Such other development activities include but are not limited to:
1046 1047		A. Bulkheads, seawalls, retaining walls, revetments, and similar erosion control structures;
1048 1049 1050 1051 1052		B. Solid fences and privacy walls. and fences prone to trapping debris. unless designed and constructed to fail under flood conditions less than the design flood or otherwise function to avoid obstruction of floodwaters; and
1053 1054		C. On-site sewage treatment and disposal systems defined in Rule 64E-6.002, F.A.C., as filled systems or mound systems.
1055 1056 1057	9.	Nonstructural Fill in Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zone V). In coastal high hazard areas:
1057 1058 1059 1060		A. Minor grading and the placement of minor quantities of nonstructural fill may be permitted for landscaping and for drainage purposes under and around buildings.
1060 1061 1062 1063 1064 1065 1066		B. Nonstructural fill with finished slopes that are steeper than one unit vertical to five units horizontal may be permitted only if an analysis prepared by a qualified registered design professional demonstrates no harmful diversion of floodwaters or wave runup and wave reflection that would increase damage to adjacent buildings and structures.
1066 1067 1068 1069	10.	<i>Critical Facilities</i> . Critical facilities shall be located outside the limits of the special flood hazard area where feasible. Construction of new critical facilities shall be permissible within the special flood hazard area if no feasible alternative site is available.

1070 1071 1072 1073 1074 1075 1076 1077			If permitted, critical facilities shall be elevated or protected to or above the base flood elevation, plus two feet, or the 500-year (0.2 percent chance) flood elevation, whichever is higher. Flood proofing and sealing measures shall be implemented to ensure that toxic substances will not be displaced by or released into floodwaters. Access routes elevated to or above the base flood elevation shall be provided to all critical facilities, to the maximum extent practicable. Critical facilities shall be designed to remain operable during such an event.					
1078 1079 1080 1081 1082 1083		11.	<i>Standards for Areas in the B, C, and X Zones.</i> All new buildings not located in the areas of special flood hazard established in Sec. 7-301.B.1.C, shall have the lowest floor elevation (including basement) constructed at least 12 inches above the crown of the nearest local street, unless the Building Official determines there are extenuating circumstances that would preclude meeting that elevation.					
1084	7-303. Definitions.							
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1087 1088 1089 1090		1.	<i>Terms Defined in the Florida Building Code.</i> Where terms are not defined in this section and are defined in the Florida Building Code, such terms will have the meanings ascribed to them in that code.					
1091 1092 1093 1094		2.	<i>Terms Not Defined</i> . Where terms are not defined in this section or the Florida Building Code, such terms will have ordinarily accepted meanings such as the context implies.					
1094 1095 1096 1097	B.		initions. Unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words and terms, for the poses of this section only, have the meanings shown in this subsection.					
1097 1098 1099 1100	<u>Accessory structure means a structure on the same parcel of property as a principal structure and</u> the use of which is limited to parking and storage incidental to the use of the principal structure.							
1101 1102 1103 1104	<i>Alteration of a Watercourse</i> means 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.							
1105 1106 1107 1108	Appeal means a request for a review of the Floodplain Administrator's interpretation of any provision of this section.							
1108 1109 1110 1111 1112	ASCE 24 means a standard titled Flood Resistant Design and Construction that is referenced by the Florida Building Code. ASCE 24 is developed and published by the American Society of Civi Engineers, Reston, VA.							

- 1113 Base Flood means a flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given
- 1114 year. [Also defined in Florida Building Code, B, Section 1612.2.] The base flood is commonly
- referred to as the "100-year flood" or the "one-percent-annual chance flood."
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- Base Flood Elevation means the elevation of the base flood, including wave height, relative to the
 National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD), North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) or other
 datum specified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).
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- 1121 *Basement* means the portion of a building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.
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1124 *Coastal High Hazard Area* means a special flood hazard area extending from offshore to the inland 1125 limit of a primary frontal dune along an open coast and any other area subject to high velocity 1126 wave action from storms or seismic sources. Coastal high hazard areas are also referred to as "high 1127 hazard areas subject to high velocity wave action" or "V Zones" and are designated on Flood

- 1128 Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) as Zone VI-V30, VE, or V.
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1130 *Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)* means a formal review and comment as to whether 1131 a proposed flood protection project or other project complies with the minimum NFIP 1132 requirements for such projects with respect to delineation of special flood hazard areas. A CLOMR 1133 does not revise the effective FIRM or Flood Insurance Study; upon submission and approval of 1134 certified as-built documentation, a Letter of Map Revision may be issued by FEMA to revise the 1135 effective FIRM.

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1137 *Critical Facility* means one or more of the following:1138

- (1) Structures or facilities that commercially produce, use, or store highly volatile, flammable, explosive, toxic and/or water-reactive materials that are defined as extremely hazardous substances by the EPA under Sec. 302 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 USC;
 - (2) Nursing homes, hospitals, and social service homes;
- (3) Structures used as law enforcement stations, fire stations, governmental vehicle and equipment storage facilities, and emergency operations centers that are needed for emergency response activities before, during, and after a flood incident; and
 - (4) Public or private utility facilities that are vital to maintaining and restoring normal services to flooded areas before, during, and after a flood incident.
- 1152 *Design Flood* means the flood associated with the greater of the following two areas:
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(1) Area with a floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any year; or

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1156 (2) Area designated as a flood hazard area on the FIRM or otherwise legally designated.

1158 Design Flood Elevation means the elevation of the "design flood," including wave height, relative 1159 to the datum specified on the FIRM. In areas designated as Zone AO, the design flood elevation will be the elevation of the highest existing grade of the building's perimeter plus the depth number 1160 1161 (in feet) specified on the FIRM. In areas designated as Zone AO where the depth number is not 1162 specified on the map, the depth number will be taken as being equal to two feet.

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1164 Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but 1165 not limited to, buildings or other structures, tanks, temporary structures, temporary or permanent storage of equipment or materials, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavations, drilling 1166 operations, or any other land disturbing activities. 1167

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1169 Encroachment means the placement of fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures, or other 1170 development into a flood hazard area which may impede or alter the flow capacity of riverine flood hazard areas.

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1173 Existing Building and Existing Structure means any buildings and structures for which the "start 1174 of construction" commenced before September 19, 1984.

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1176 Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means a manufactured home park or 1177 subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured 1178 homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of 1179 streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before September 1180 19, 1984.

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1182 Expansion to an Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means the preparation of 1183 additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured 1184 homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either

- final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads). 1185
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1187 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) means the federal agency that, in addition to carrying out other functions, administers the National Flood Insurance Program. 1188

- 1189 Flood or Flooding means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of 1190 normally dry land from:
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- 1192 (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters. 1193
- 1194 (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
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1196 Flood Damage-Resistant Materials means any construction material capable of withstanding direct and prolonged contact with floodwaters without sustaining any damage that requires more 1197 1198 than cosmetic repair.

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- 1200 *Flood Hazard Area* means the greater of the following two areas:
 - (1) The area within a floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any year.
 - (2) The area designated as a flood hazard area on the FIRM or otherwise legally designated.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) means the official map of the Village on which FEMA has
delineated both special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the Village.

Flood Insurance Study (FIS) means the official report provided by FEMA that contains the FIRM,
the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (if applicable), the water surface elevations of the base
flood, and supporting technical data.

Floodplain Administrator means the office or position designated and charged with the
administration and enforcement of this section (may be referred to as the Floodplain Manager).
The Village Manager serves as the Floodplain Manager in accordance with this section.

1218 Floodplain Development Permit or Approval means an official document or certificate issued by 1219 the Floodplain Administrator, or other evidence of approval or concurrence, which authorizes 1220 performance of specific development activities that are located in flood hazard areas and that are 1221 determined to be compliant with this section.

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1223 *Floodway* means the channel of a river or other riverine watercourse and the adjacent land areas 1224 that shall be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the 1225 water surface elevation more than one foot.

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1227 Floodway Encroachment Analysis means an engineering analysis of the impact that a proposed 1228 encroachment into a floodway is expected to have on the floodway boundaries and base flood 1229 elevations. The evaluation shall be prepared by a qualified Florida licensed engineer using standard 1230 engineering methods and models.

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Florida Building Code means the family of codes adopted by the Florida Building Commission,
including the Florida Building Code, Building: the Florida Building Code, Residential: the Florida
Building Code, Existing Building; the Florida Building Code, Mechanical; the Florida Building
Code, Plumbing; the Florida Building Code, Fuel Gas.

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Functionally Dependent Use means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, including only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities; the term does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

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1242 *Highest Adjacent Grade* means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to 1243 construction next to the proposed walls or foundation of a structure.

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Historic Structure means any structure that is determined eligible for the exception to the flood
hazard area requirements of the Florida Building Code, Existing Building, Chapter <u>12</u>+1: Historic
Buildings.

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Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) means an amendment based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated special flood hazard area. A LOMA amends the current effective FIRM and establishes that a specific property, portion of a property, or structure is not located in a special flood hazard area.

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Letter of Map Change (LOMC) means an official determination issued by FEMA that amends or
 revises the FIRM or FIS. The LOMCs include: Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letter of Map
 <u>Revision (LOMR), Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F), and Conditional Letter of</u>
 <u>Map Revision (CLOMR).</u>

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Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) means 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.

Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F) means a determination that a structure or parcel of land has been elevated by fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, no longer located within the special flood hazard area. In order to qualify for this determination, the fill shall have been permitted and placed in accordance with this section.

Light-Duty Truck means as defined in 40 CFR 86.082-2, 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, which is:

- (1) Designed primarily for purposes of transportation of property or is a derivation of such a vehicle;
- (2) Designed primarily for transportation of persons and has a capacity of more than 12 persons; or
- (3) Available with special features enabling off-street or off-highway operation and use.
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Lowest Floor means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area of a building or structure,
including basement, but excluding any unfinished or flood-resistant enclosure, other than a
basement, usable solely for vehicle parking, building access or limited storage provided that such
enclosure is not built to render the structure in violation of the non-elevation requirements of the
Florida Building Code or ASCE 24.

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Manufactured Home means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is eight feet or more in width and greater than 400 square feet, and which is built on a permanent, integral chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle" or "park trailer".

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Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided
 into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

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1294 Market Value means the price at which a property will change hands between a willing buyer and 1295 a willing seller, neither party being under compulsion to buy or sell and both having reasonable 1296 knowledge of relevant facts. As used in this section, the term refers to the market the value of 1297 buildings and structures, excluding the land and other improvements on the parcel. Market value 1298 may be established by a qualified independent appraiser, is the actual cash value (in-kind 1299 replacement cost depreciated for age, wear and tear, neglect, and quality of construction) 1300 determined by a qualified independent appraiser, or tax assessment value adjusted to approximate market value by a factor provided by the Property Appraiser. 1301

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New Construction means for the purposes of this section and the flood resistant construction
 requirements of the Florida Building Code, structures for which the "start of construction"
 commenced on or after September 19, 1984 and includes any subsequent improvements to such
 structures.

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1308 *New Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision* means 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

1310 to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and 1311 either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after September 19,

- 1312 1984.
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Park Trailer means a transportable unit which has a body width not exceeding 14 feet and which
is built on a single chassis and is designed to provide seasonal or temporary living quarters when
connected to utilities necessary for operation of installed fixtures and appliances.

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Permanent Construction means does not include land preparation (such as clearing, grading, or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main buildings. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

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1326 *Recreational Vehicle* means a vehicle, including a park trailer, which is:

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- 1328 (1) Built on a single chassis;
- 1330 (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; and
 - (4) Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Repetitive Loss 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 flood event, on the average,
equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

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Special Flood Hazard Area means an area in the floodplain subject to a one percent or greater
chance of flooding in any given year. Special flood hazard areas are shown on FIRMs as Zone A,
AO, Al-A30, AE, A99, AH, VI-V30, VE or V.

- *Start of Construction.* The date of issuance of permits for new construction and substantial *Start of Construction.* The date of issuance of permits for new construction and substantial
 improvements, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation,
 addition, placement, or other improvement is within 180 days of the date of the issuance. The
 actual start of construction means either the first placement of permanent construction of a building
 (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation
 of piles, the construction of columns.
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Substantial Damage means damage sustained by a building or structure whereby the cost of restoring the building or structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the building or structure before the damage occurred. The term also includes buildings and structures that have experienced repetitive loss.

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1356 Substantial Improvement means any combination of repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration, addition, or other improvement of a building or structure, taking place during a five-1357 year period, the cumulative cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the 1358 1359 building or structure before the improvement or repair is started. For each building or structure, the five-year period begins on the date of the first improvement or repair of the building or structure 1360 1361 subsequent to November 18, 1992. If the structure has incurred "substantial damage," any repairs 1362 are considered substantial improvement regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term 1363 does not include either: 1364

- (1) 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 assure safe living conditions.
- (2) Any alteration of a historic structure provided the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure.

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1372	Variance means a grant of relief from the requirements of this section, or the flood resistant						
1373	construction requirements of the Florida Building Code, which permits construction in a manner						
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1376	Watercourse means a river, creek, stream, channel, or other topographic feature in, on, through, or						
1377	over which water flows at least periodically.						
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1379	Section 2. Repeal of Ordinance 2015-16.						
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1381	The Village Council hereby confirms that the adoption of the Land Development Code by						
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1382	Ordinance 2020-10, specifically Section 1-902 adopting the Florida Building Code as codified in Chapter 552. Elorida Statutes, was intended to repeal agrilier building code regulations adopted by						
1385	Chapter 553, Florida Statutes, was intended to repeal earlier building code regulations adopted by						
1385	Ordinance 2015-16, and that to eliminate any doubt declares that Ordinance 2015-16 is no longer in effect.						
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1380	Section 2 Severability						
1387	Section 3. <u>Severability</u> .						
1388	If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any parson or simultance is held						
1389	If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held						
	invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can						
1391	be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this						
1392	ordinance are severable.						
1393	Section 4 Comflictor						
1394	<u>Section 4</u> . <u>Conflicts.</u>						
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1396	All ordinances, resolutions, official determinations or parts thereof previously adopted or						
1397	entered by the Village or any of its officials and in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed						
1398	to the extent inconsistent herewith.						
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1400	Section 5. Effective Date.						
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1402	This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.						
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1406	PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL of the Village of Estero,						
1407	Florida this 2 nd day of November, 2022.						
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1420	Nancy E. Stroud, Esq.			
1421	Village Land Use Attorney			
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1425	Mayor Errington			
1426	Vice Mayor McLain			
1427	Councilmember Ribble			
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