

Significant Changes in the
Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Article 2 Definitions:

Several references to obsolete flood zones have been removed (A1-A30, AH, AO, B, C, etc.)

Changed references to 100 year flood to 1% flood. (through entire ordinance)

Changed references to 500 year flood to .2% flood. (through entire ordinance)

Addition: removed reference to load bearing or firewall.

Critical Facilities: added that the concern for these facilities is the .2% chance of flooding.

Dry Floodproofing: added

Executive Order 11990 (Wetlands Protection); added

Flood of flooding: added c) mudslides

Flood (insurance definition): added

Removed Flood and Flood Hazard Boundary maps.

Freeboard: added "Communities are encouraged to adopt at least 18 inch freeboard"

Manufactured housing: added

Recreational vehicle: added new requirements for identifying

Repetitive Loss Property: added

Severe Repetitive Loss Structure: added

Wet Floodproofing: Added

Article 3

Section H. Added first paragraph dealing with unstudied named streams.

Section I: removed requirement for owner to request that structure be declared a repetitive loss

Article 4

Section B(1)

- c.) Added engineers certification for flood proofing of critical facilities
- d.) Added requirement for MS State Health Dept. Notice of Intent for individual on-site wastewater disposal.

Section B(2)

- Added Floodproofing to be 18 inches above base flood elevation.
- Added section on Letter of Map revision based on fill

Section B(3) added section on finished construction

Section C. Added sections 3-8, 18 under powers, duties and responsibilities of the floodplain administrator.

Article 5

Section A.

- (2) added sentence about dry stacking concrete blocks.
- (11) added anchoring requirements for gas and LP tanks.
- (12) added statement regarding using most stringent requirements in multi-zoned areas.
- (14) added that addition and HVAC systems be elevated.
- (15) added requirements for fill.
- (16) added requirements for storage of material in flood hazard areas.

Section B.

- (1) Raised finished floor elevation on new construction from 12" to 18" above finished floor elevations. Roadways, driveways, building sites and walkways should be above flood elevations as much as possible.
- (2) Requires a Flood Emergency Operation Plan and an Inspection and Maintenance Plan must be provided for non-residential structures.

(7) Manufactured homes must be elevated 18" above base flood elevations

Section C.

(5) added section on displacing existing flood storage.

(6) added section on altering water courses

Section D.

(5) added: New developments to follow Stormwater requirements.

(6) added: New developments to identify flood hazard areas.

(7) added Final plats to identify flood hazard areas.

(8) added: Buildable areas in new subdivision to be outside flood hazard area.

(9) added: Streets to be at or above base flood elevations in new developments.

Section E. Critical facilities to be protected to or above .2% flood, this includes access to the facility.