

**SPECIAL PURPOSE
FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION
RESOLUTION
CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO**

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ADOPTION

This Resolution shall take effect on the thirty-first day following the date of its adoption. Resolution 208 adopted on April 16, 1987 is hereby repealed.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on this twenty-first day of April, 2010.

Roll Call Vote:

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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April 21, 2010

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICES

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, Section 307.37 and 307.39, public hearings were held on April 19, 2010 and April 21, 2010 at regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. Notice of these hearings was published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the hearings in the Wilmington News Journal on April 8, 2010 and April 15, 2010. A notice of adoption and availability was published within ten days after adoption in the Wilmington News Journal on

4-30-10.

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ARTICLE 1

General Provision

SECTION 1.01 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.

This resolution is adopted pursuant to authorization contained in Sections 307.37 and 307.85 of the Ohio Revised Code. This resolution adopts regulations for areas of special flood hazard that are necessary for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Therefore, the Board of Clinton County Commissioners of Clinton County, State of Ohio does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1.02 FINDINGS OF FACT.

Clinton County, Ohio has special flood hazard areas that are subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base. Additionally, structures that are inadequately elevated, floodproofed, or otherwise protected from flood damage also contribute to the flood loss. In order to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes hereinafter set forth, these regulations are adopted.

SECTION 1.03 STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of these regulations to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and to:

- A. Protect human life and health;
- B. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- C. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- D. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- E. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
- F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the proper use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to protect property and minimize future flood blight areas;
- G. Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions;
- H. Minimize the impact of development on adjacent properties within and near flood prone areas;
- I. Ensure that the flood storage and conveyance functions of the floodplain are maintained;
- J. Minimize the impact of development on the natural, beneficial values of the floodplain;
- K. Prevent floodplain uses that are either hazardous or environmentally incompatible; and
- L. Meet community participation requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

SECTION 1.04 METHODS OF REDUCING FLOOD LOSS.

In order to accomplish its purposes, these regulations include methods and provisions for:

- A. Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water hazards, or which result in damaging increases in flood heights or velocities;
- B. Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities, which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- C. Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;
- D. Controlling filling, grading, dredging, excavating, and other development which may increase flood damage; and,
- E. Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers, which will unnaturally divert flood, waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

SECTION 1.05 LANDS TO WHICH THESE REGULATIONS APPLY.

These regulations shall apply to all areas of special flood hazard within the unincorporated areas of Clinton County as identified in Section 1.06.

SECTION 1.06 BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.

For the purposes of these regulations, the following studies and / or maps are adopted:

- A. *Flood Insurance Study Clinton County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas and Flood Insurance Rate Map Clinton County Ohio and Incorporated Areas*, both effective May 3, 2010.
- B. Other studies and / or maps, which may be relied upon for establishment of the flood protection elevation, delineation of the 100-year floodplain, floodways or delineation of other areas of special flood hazard, include:
- C. Any hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis authored by a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio which has been approved by Clinton County as required by Section 3.03, Subdivisions and Large Scale Developments.

Any revisions to the aforementioned maps and / or studies are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of these regulations. Such maps and/or studies are on file at the Clinton County Engineer's Office, 1326 Fife Ave., Wilmington, Ohio, 45177.

SECTION 1.07 ABROGATION AND GREATER RESTRICTION.

These regulations are not intended to repeal any existing resolutions including subdivision regulations, zoning or building codes. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and any other resolution, the more restrictive shall be followed. These regulations shall not impair any

deed restriction covenant or easement but the land subject to such interests shall also be governed by the regulations.

SECTION 1.08 INTERPRETATION.

In the interpretation and application of these regulations, all provisions shall be:

- A. Considered as minimum requirements;
- B. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and,
- C. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes. Where a provision of these regulations may be in conflict with a state or Federal law, such state or Federal law shall take precedence over these regulations.

SECTION 1.09 WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

The degree of flood protection required by these regulations is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. These regulations do not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazard or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damage. These regulations shall not create liability on the part of Clinton County, Ohio, any officer or employee thereof, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for any flood damage that results from reliance on these regulations or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

SECTION 1.10 SEVERABILITY.

Should any section or provision of these regulations be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

ARTICLE 2

Administration

SECTION 2.01 DESIGNATION OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR.

The Clinton County Engineer is hereby appointed to administer and implement these regulations and is referred to herein as the Floodplain Administrator. The Floodplain Administrator may appoint a designee(s) to assist in the administration of these Regulations.

SECTION 2.02 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR.

The duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator shall include but are not limited to:

- A. Evaluate applications for permits to develop in special flood hazard areas.
- B. Interpret floodplain boundaries and provide flood hazard and flood protection elevation information.
- C. Issue permits to develop in special flood hazard areas when the provisions of these regulations have been met, or refuse to issue the same in the event of noncompliance.
- D. Inspect buildings and lands to determine whether any violations of these regulations have been committed.
- E. Make and permanently keep all records for public inspection necessary for the administration of these regulations including Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Letters of Map Amendment and Revision, records of issuance and denial of permits to develop in special flood hazard areas, determinations of whether development is in or out of special flood hazard areas for the purpose of issuing floodplain development permits, elevation certificates, variances, and records of enforcement actions taken for violations of these regulations.
- F. Enforce the provisions of these regulations.
- G. Provide information, testimony, or other evidence as needed during variance hearings.
- H. Coordinate map maintenance activities and FEMA follow-up.
- I. Conduct substantial damage determinations to determine whether existing structures, damaged from any source and in special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA, must meet the development standards of these regulations.

The Floodplain Manager, his/her employee(s), agents and/or representatives charged with the authorization and enforcement of this Resolution, while acting for the County of Clinton, shall not thereby render himself/herself liable personally, and he/she is hereby relieved from all personal liability for any damage that may accrue to persons or property as a result of any act required or permitted in the discharge of his/her official duties. Any suit instituted against any officer or employee, agent and/or representative because of an act performed by such individual in lawful discharge of his/her duties and under the provisions of this Resolution shall be defended by the legal representation of the County until the final termination of the proceedings. In no case shall the Floodplain Manager, his/her employee(s), agents and/or representatives along with any elected or appointed official of the County of Clinton, and any of its employee(s), agents and/or representatives be liable for the costs in any action, suit, or

proceedings that may be instituted in pursuance of the provisions of this Resolution; and any officer acting in good faith and without malice, shall be free from liability for acts performed under any of its provisions or be reason of any act or omission in the performance of his/her official duties in connection herewith.

SECTION 2.03 FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to begin construction or other development activity including but not limited to filling; grading; construction; alteration, remodeling, or expanding any structure; or alteration of any watercourse wholly within, partially within or in contact with any identified special flood hazard area, as established in Section 1.06, until a floodplain development permit is obtained from the Floodplain Administrator. Such floodplain development permit shall show that the proposed development activity is in conformity with the provisions of these regulations. No such permit shall be issued by the Floodplain Administrator until the requirements of these regulations have been met.

SECTION 2.04 APPLICATION REQUIRED.

An application for a floodplain development permit shall be required for all development activities located wholly within, partially within, or in contact with an identified special flood hazard area. Such application shall be made by the owner of the property or his/her authorized agent, herein referred to as the applicant, prior to the actual commencement of such construction on a form furnished for that purpose (see Appendix A). Where it is unclear whether a development site is in a special flood hazard area, the Floodplain Administrator may require an application for a floodplain development permit to determine the development's location. Such applications shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Site plans drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and topography of the area in question; the location of existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing.
- B. Elevation of the existing, natural ground where structures are proposed, in the same datum as the applicable Flood Insurance Rate Map.
- C. Elevation of the lowest floor, including basement, of all proposed structures, in the same datum as the applicable Flood Insurance Rate Map.
- D. Such other material and information as may be requested by the Floodplain Administrator to determine conformance with, and provide enforcement of these regulations.
- E. Technical analyses conducted by the appropriate design professional (Professional Engineer, Professional Surveyor, or Professional Architect) registered in the State of Ohio and submitted with an application for a floodplain development permit when applicable:
 - 1. Floodproofing certification for non-residential floodproofed structure as required in Section 3.05.
 - 2. Certification that fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor of a structure not meeting the design requirements of Section 3.04.E are designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces.

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3. Description of any watercourse alteration or relocation that the flood carrying capacity of the watercourse will not be diminished, and maintenance assurances as required in Section 3.09.C.
 4. A hydrologic and hydraulic analysis demonstrating that the cumulative effect of proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood by more than one foot in special flood hazard areas where the Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided base flood elevations but no floodway as required by Section 3.09.B.
 5. A hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis showing impact of any development on flood heights in an identified floodway as required by Section 3.09.A.
 6. Generation of base flood elevation(s) for subdivision and large-scale developments as required by Section 3.03.

F. A Floodplain Development Permit Application Fee as established by the Board of Commissioners to cover the costs of administering these Regulations.

SECTION 2.05 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION.

A. Review.

1. After receipt of a complete application, the Floodplain Administrator shall review the application to ensure that the standards of these regulations have been met. No floodplain development permit application shall be reviewed until all information required in Section 2.04 has been received by the Floodplain Administrator.
2. The Floodplain Administrator shall review all floodplain development permit applications to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those federal, state, or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining such permits as required including permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

B. Approval

Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of a complete application, the Floodplain Administrator shall either approve or disapprove the application. If an application is approved, a floodplain development permit shall be issued. All floodplain development permits shall be conditional upon the commencement of work within two (2) years. A floodplain development permit shall expire two (2) years after issuance unless the permitted activity has been substantially begun and is thereafter pursued to completion.

SECTION 2.06 INSPECTIONS.

The Floodplain Administrator shall make periodic inspections at appropriate times throughout the period of construction in order to monitor compliance with permit conditions.

SECTION 2.07 POST-CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATIONS REQUIRED.

The following as-built certifications are required after a floodplain development permit has been issued:

- A. For new or substantially improved residential structures, or nonresidential structures that have been elevated, the applicant shall have a Federal Emergency Management Agency Elevation Certificate completed by a Registered Professional Surveyor to record as-built elevation data. For elevated structures in Zone A and Zone AO areas without a base flood elevation, the elevation certificate may be completed by the property owner or owner's representative.
- B. A Letter of Map Revision is required for all development activities subject to the standards of Section 2.10.A.

SECTION 2.08 REVOKING A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.

A floodplain development permit shall be revocable, if among other things, the actual development activity does not conform to the terms of the application and permit granted thereon. In the event of the revocation of a permit, an appeal may be taken to the Appeals Board in accordance with Article 4 of these regulations.

SECTION 2.09 EXEMPTION FROM FILING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.

An application for a floodplain development permit shall not be required for:

- A. Maintenance work such as roofing, painting, and basement sealing, or for small nonstructural development activities (except for filling and grading) valued at less than \$5,000.
- B. Development activities in an existing or proposed manufactured home park that are under the authority of the Ohio Department of Health and subject to the flood damage reduction provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701.
- C. Major utility facilities permitted by the Ohio Power Siting Board under Section 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- D. Hazardous waste disposal facilities permitted by the Hazardous Waste Siting Board under Section 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- E. Development activities undertaken by a federal agency and which are subject to Federal Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management.

Any proposed action exempt from filing for a floodplain development permit is also exempt from the standards of these regulations.

SECTION 2.10 MAP MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES.

To meet National Flood Insurance Program minimum requirements to have flood data reviewed and approved by FEMA, and to ensure that Clinton County's flood maps, studies and other data identified in Section 1.06 accurately represent flooding conditions so that appropriate floodplain management criteria are based on current data, the following map maintenance activities are identified:

A. Requirement to Submit New Technical Data.

1. For all development proposals that impact floodway delineations or base flood elevations, the community shall ensure that technical data reflecting such changes be submitted to FEMA within six months of the date such information becomes available. These development proposals include:
 - a. Floodway encroachments that increase or decrease base flood elevations or alter floodway boundaries;
 - b. Fill sites to be used for the placement of proposed structures where the applicant desires to remove the site from the special flood hazard area;
 - c. Alteration of watercourses that result in a relocation or elimination of the special flood hazard area, including the placement of culverts; and
 - d. Subdivision or large-scale development proposals requiring the establishment of base flood elevations in accordance with Section 3.03.
2. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have technical data, required in accordance with Section 2.10.A prepared in a format required for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision or Letter of Map Revision, and submitted to FEMA. Submittal and processing fees for these map revisions shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
3. The Floodplain Administrator shall require a Conditional Letter of Map Revision prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit for:
 - a. Proposed floodway encroachments that increase the base flood elevation; and
 - b. Proposed development which increases the base flood elevation by more than one foot in areas where FEMA has provided base flood elevations but no floodway.
4. Floodplain development permits issued by the Floodplain Administrator shall be conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a Letter of Map Revision from FEMA for any development proposal subject to Section 2.10.A.1.

B. Right to Submit New Technical Data.

The Floodplain Administrator may request changes to any of the information shown on an effective map that does not impact floodplain or floodway delineations or base flood elevations, such as labeling or planimetric details. Such a submission shall include

appropriate supporting documentation made in writing by the Floodplain Administrator, and may be submitted at any time.

C. Annexation / Detachment.

Upon occurrence, the Floodplain Administrator shall notify FEMA in writing whenever the boundaries of Clinton County have been modified by annexation or the community has assumed authority over an area, or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that Clinton County's Flood Insurance Rate Map accurately represent the Clinton County boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of Clinton County suitable for reproduction, clearly showing the new corporate limits or the new area for which Clinton County has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.

SECTION 2.11 DATA USE AND FLOOD MAP INTERPRETATION.

The following guidelines shall apply to the use and interpretation of maps and other data showing areas of special flood hazard:

- A. In areas where FEMA has not identified special flood hazard areas, or in FEMA identified special flood hazard areas where base flood elevation and floodway data have not been identified, the Floodplain Administrator shall review and reasonably utilize any other flood hazard data available from a federal, state, or other source.
- B. Base flood elevations and floodway boundaries produced on FEMA flood maps and studies shall take precedence over base flood elevations and floodway boundaries by any other source that reflect a reduced floodway width and/or lower base flood elevations. Other sources of data, showing increased base flood elevations and/or larger floodway areas than are shown on FEMA flood maps and studies, shall be reasonably used by the Floodplain Administrator.
- C. When Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps and / or Flood Insurance Study have been provided by FEMA:
 - 1. Upon the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination by the FEMA, the preliminary flood hazard data shall be used and replace all previously existing flood hazard data provided from FEMA for the purposes of administering these regulations.
 - 2. Prior to the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination by FEMA, the use of preliminary flood hazard data shall only be required where no base flood elevations and /or floodway areas exist or where the preliminary base flood elevations or floodway area exceed the base flood elevations and/or floodway widths in existing flood hazard data provided from FEMA. Such preliminary data may be subject to change and / or appeal to FEMA.
- D. The Floodplain Administrator shall make interpretations, where needed, as to the exact location of the flood boundaries and areas of special flood hazard. A person contesting the determination of the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in Article 4, Appeals and Variances.

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- E. Where a map boundary showing an area of special flood hazard and field elevations disagree, the base flood elevations or flood protection elevations (as found on an elevation profile, floodway data table, established high water marks, etc.) shall prevail.

SECTION 2.12 SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE DETERMINATIONS.

Damages to structures may result from a variety of causes including flood, tornado, wind, heavy snow, fire, *etc.* After such a damage event, the Floodplain Administrator shall:

- A. Determine whether damaged structures are located in special flood hazard areas;
- B. Conduct substantial damage determinations for damaged structures located in special flood hazard areas; and
- C. Make reasonable attempt to notify owners of substantially damaged structures of the need to obtain a floodplain development permit prior to repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction.

Additionally, the Floodplain Administrator may implement other measures to assist with the substantial damage determination and subsequent repair process. These measures include issuing press releases, public service announcements, and other public information materials related to the floodplain development permits and repair of damaged structures; coordinating with other federal, state, and local agencies to assist with substantial damage determinations; providing owners of damaged structures materials and other information related to the proper repair of damaged structures in special flood hazard areas; and assist owners of substantially damaged structures with Increased Cost of Compliance insurance claims.

ARTICLE 3

Use and Development Standards for Flood Hazard Reduction

The following use and development standards apply to development wholly within, partially within, or in contact with any special flood hazard area as established in Section 1.06 or 2.10.A:

SECTION 3.01 USE REGULATIONS.

A. Permitted Uses.

All uses not otherwise prohibited in this section or any other applicable land use regulations adopted by Clinton County are allowed provided they meet the provisions of these regulations.

B. Prohibited Uses.

1. Private water supply systems in all special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA, permitted under Section 3701 of the Ohio Revised Code.
2. Infectious waste treatment facilities in all special flood hazard areas, permitted under Section 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3.02 WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.

The following standards apply to all water supply, sanitary sewerage and waste disposal systems not otherwise regulated by the Ohio Revised Code:

- A. All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems;
- B. New and replacement sanitary sewerage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharge from the systems into flood waters; and,
- C. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to or contamination from them during flooding.

SECTION 3.03 SUBDIVISIONS AND LARGE DEVELOPMENTS.

- A. All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and are subject to all applicable standards in these regulations;
- B. All subdivision proposals shall have utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
- C. All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and
- D. In all areas of special flood hazard where base flood elevation data are not available, the applicant shall provide a hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis that generates base flood elevations for all major subdivision proposals (five lots or more as defined by

the Clinton County Subdivision Regulations) and other proposed developments greater than 5 acres.

- E. The applicant shall meet the requirement to submit technical data to FEMA in Section 2.10.A.1.d when a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis is completed that generates base flood elevations as required by Section 3.03.D.

SECTION 3.04 RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

- A. New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Where a structure, including its foundation members, is elevated on fill to or above the base flood elevation, the requirements for anchoring (3.04.A) and construction materials resistant to flood damage (3.04.B) are satisfied.
- B. New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with methods and materials resistant to flood damage.
- C. New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or elevated so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
- D. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure, including manufactured homes, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the flood protection elevation. In Zone AO areas with no elevations specified, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade. Where flood protection elevation data are not available, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade.
- E. New construction and substantial improvements, including manufactured homes, that do not have basements and that are elevated to the flood protection elevation using pilings, columns, posts, or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to allow unimpeded movement of flood waters may have an enclosure below the lowest floor provided the enclosure meets the following standards:
1. Be used only for the parking of vehicles, building access, or storage; and
 2. Be designed and certified by a Registered Professional Engineer or Architect to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters; or
 3. Have a minimum of two openings on different walls having a total net area not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area, and the bottom of all such openings being no higher than one foot above grade. The openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.
- F. Manufactured homes shall be affixed to a permanent foundation and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and

hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors.

- G. Repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure, shall be exempt from the development standards of Section 3.04.
- H. In AO Zones, new construction and substantial improvement shall have adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from the structure.

SECTION 3.05 NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

- A. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall meet the requirements of Section 3.04 (A) – (C) and (E) – (H).
- B. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other non-residential structure shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the level of the flood protection elevation; or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall meet all of the following standards:
 - 1. Be dry floodproofed so that the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water to the level of the flood protection elevation;
 - 2. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and,
 - 3. Be certified by a Registered Professional Engineer or Architect, through the use of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Floodproofing Certificate, that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with Section 3.05.B.1 and 3.05.B.2.
- C. In Zone AO areas with no elevations specified, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade. Where flood protection elevation data are not available, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade.

SECTION 3.06 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.

Relief to the elevation or dry floodproofing standards may be granted for accessory structures containing no more than 600 square feet. Such structures must meet the following standards:

- A. They shall not be used for human habitation;
- B. They shall be constructed of flood resistant materials;
- C. They shall be constructed and placed on the lot to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;
- D. They shall be firmly anchored to prevent flotation;

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- E. Service facilities such as electrical and heating equipment shall be elevated or floodproofed to or above the level of the flood protection elevation; and
 - F. They shall meet the opening requirements of Section 3.04.E.3;

SECTION 3.07 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

Recreational vehicles must meet at least one of the following standards:

- A. They shall not be located on sites in special flood hazard areas for more than 180 days, or
- B. They must be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or
- C. They must meet all standards of Section 3.04.

SECTION 3.08 GROUND GAS OR LIQUID STORAGE TANKS.

All ground gas or liquid storage tanks shall be anchored to prevent flotation or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads.

SECTION 3.09 ASSURANCE OF FLOOD CARRYING CAPACITY.

Pursuant to the purpose and methods of reducing flood damage stated in these regulations, the following additional standards are adopted to assure that the reduction of the flood carrying capacity of watercourses is minimized:

A. Development in Floodways.

1. In floodway areas, development shall cause no increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. Prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, conducted by a Registered Professional Engineer, demonstrating that the proposed development would not result in any increase in the base flood elevation; or
2. Development in floodway areas causing increases in the base flood elevation may be permitted provided all of the following are completed by the applicant:
 - a. Meet the requirements to submit technical data in Section 2.10.A;
 - b. An evaluation of alternatives, which would not result in increased base flood elevations and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible;
 - c. Certification that no structures are located in areas that would be impacted by the increased base flood elevation;
 - d. Documentation of individual legal notices to all impacted property owners within and outside the community, explaining the impact of the proposed action on their property; and
 - e. Concurrence of the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Clinton County, Ohio.

B. Development in Riverine Areas with Base Flood Elevations but No Floodways.

1. In riverine special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA where base flood elevation data are provided but no floodways have been designated, the cumulative effect of any proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, shall not increase the base flood elevation more than 1.0 (one) foot at any point. Prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, conducted by a Registered Professional Engineer, demonstrating that this standard has been met; or,
2. Development in riverine special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA where base flood elevation data are provided but no floodways have been designated causing more than one foot increase in the base flood elevation may be permitted provided all of the following are completed by the applicant:
 - a. An evaluation of alternatives which would result in an increase of one foot or less of the base flood elevation and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible;
 - b. Section 3.09.A.2, items a.) and c.)-e.).

C. Alterations of a Watercourse.

For the purpose of these regulations, a watercourse is altered when any change occurs within its banks. The extent of the banks shall be established by a field determination of the "bankfull stage." The field determination of "bankfull stage" shall be based on methods presented in Chapter 7 of the *USDA Forest Service General Technical Report RM-245, Stream Channel Reference Sites: An Illustrated Guide to Field Technique* or other applicable publication available from a Federal, State, or other authoritative source. For all proposed developments that alter a watercourse, the following standards apply:

1. The bankfull flood carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse shall not be diminished. Prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of the proposed development, and certification by a Registered Professional Engineer that the bankfull flood carrying capacity of the watercourse will not be diminished.
2. Adjacent communities, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, must be notified prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse. Evidence of such notification must be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
3. The applicant shall be responsible for providing the necessary maintenance for the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity will not be diminished. The Floodplain Administrator may require the permit holder to enter into an agreement with Clinton County specifying the maintenance responsibilities. If an agreement is required, it shall be made a condition of the floodplain development permit.

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4. The applicant shall meet the requirements to submit technical data in Section 2.10.A.1.c when an alteration of a watercourse results in the relocation or elimination of the special flood hazard area.

ARTICLE 4

Appeals and Variances

SECTION 4.01 BOARD OF APPEALS.

- A. The Board of County Commissioners hereby designates the Executive Board of the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission to act as the appellate board for this Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction Resolution.
- B. All meetings of the Appeals Board shall be open to the public except that the Board may deliberate in executive sessions as part of quasi-judicial hearings in accordance with law. The Appeals Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question and shall keep records of all official actions. Records of the Appeals Board shall be kept and filed in the offices of the Clinton County Regional Planning Commission (located at 69 N. South Street, Suite 100, Wilmington, Ohio 45177 as of the date of adoption of this Resolution).

SECTION 4.02 POWERS AND DUTIES.

- A. The Appeals Board shall hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the administration or enforcement of these regulations.
- B. Authorize variances in accordance with Section 4.04 of these regulations.

SECTION 4.03 APPEALS.

Any person affected by any notice and order, or other official action of the Floodplain Administrator may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Appeals Board provided that such person shall file, within 30 days of the date of such notice and order, or other official action, a brief statement of the grounds for such hearing or for the mitigation of any item appearing on any order of the Floodplain Administrator's decision. Such appeal shall be submitted on the provided application (see Appendix A), signed by the applicant, and be filed with the Floodplain Administrator. Upon receipt of the appeal, the Floodplain Administrator shall transmit said notice and all pertinent information on which the Floodplain Administrator's decision was made to the Appeals Board.

Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Appeals Board shall fix a reasonable time for the appeal, give notice in writing to parties in interest, and decide the appeal within a reasonable time after it is submitted.

SECTION 4.04 VARIANCES.

Any person believing that the use and development standards of these regulations would result in unnecessary hardship may file an application for a variance. The Appeals Board shall have the power to authorize, in specific cases, such variances from the standards of these regulations, not inconsistent with Federal regulations, as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owning

to special conditions of the lot or parcel, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these regulations would result in unnecessary hardship.

A. Application for a Variance.

1. Any owner, or agent thereof, of property for which a variance is sought shall make an application for a variance by filing it with the Floodplain Administrator, who upon receipt of the variance shall transmit it to the Appeals Board.
2. Such application shall be submitted on the form provided (see Appendix A) and shall contain a description of the variance sought; and reason for the variance request.
3. All application for a variance shall be accompanied by a variance application fee as set in the schedule of fees adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.

B. Notice for Public Hearing.

The Appeals Board shall schedule and hold a public hearing within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application for a variance from the Floodplain Administrator. Prior to the hearing, a notice of such hearing shall be given in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the community at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing.

C. Public Hearing.

At such hearing the applicant shall present such statements and evidence as the Appeals Board requires. In considering such variance applications, the Appeals Board shall consider and make findings of fact on all evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of these regulations and the following factors:

1. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others.
2. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage.
3. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.
4. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community.
5. The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use that are not subject to flooding or erosion damage.
6. The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable.
7. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development.
8. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area.
9. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles.
10. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site.
11. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems, and streets and bridges.

Variances shall only be issued upon:

1. A showing of good and sufficient cause.
2. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship due to the physical characteristics of the property. Increased cost or inconvenience of meeting the requirements of these regulations does not constitute an exceptional hardship to the applicant.
3. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights beyond that which is allowed in these regulations; additional threats to public safety; extraordinary public expense, nuisances, fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws.
4. A determination that the structure or other development is protected by methods to minimize flood damages.
5. A determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.

Upon consideration of the above factors and the purposes of these regulations, the Appeals Board may attach such conditions to the granting of variances, as it deems necessary to further the purposes of these regulations.

D. Other Conditions for Variances.

1. Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
2. Generally, of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot constructed below the base flood level, providing items in Section 4.04.C.1 to .11 have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.
3. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the structure will be permitted to be built with a lowest floor elevation below the base flood elevation and the cost of flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation.

SECTION 4.05 PROCEDURE AT HEARINGS.

- A. A complete record of the proceedings shall be kept, except confidential deliberations of the Board, but including all documents presented.
- B. The applicant shall proceed first to present evidence and testimony in support of the appeal or variance.
- C. The Floodplain Administrator may present evidence or testimony in opposition to the appeal or variance.
- D. Evidence that is not admitted may be proffered and shall become part of the record for appeal.

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- E. The Board shall prepare conclusions of fact supporting its decision. The decision may be announced at the conclusion of the hearing and thereafter issued in writing or the decision may be issued in writing within a reasonable time after the hearing.

SECTION 4.06 APPEAL TO THE COURT.

Those aggrieved by the decision of the Appeals Board may appeal such decision to the Clinton County Court of Common Pleas, as provided in Chapter 2506 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ARTICLE 5

Enforcement

SECTION 5.01 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED.

- A. No structure or land shall hereafter be located, erected, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, extended, converted, enlarged or altered without full compliance with the terms of these regulations and all other applicable regulations which apply to uses within the jurisdiction of these regulations, unless specifically exempted from filing for a development permit as stated in Section 2.09.
- B. Failure to obtain a floodplain development permit shall be a violation of these regulations and shall be punishable in accordance with Section 5.03.
- C. Floodplain development permits issued on the basis of plans and applications approved by the Floodplain Administrator authorize only the use, and arrangement, set forth in such approved plans and applications or amendments thereto. Use, arrangement, or construction contrary to that authorized shall be deemed a violation of these regulations and punishable in accordance with Section 5.03.

SECTION 5.02 NOTICE OF VIOLATION.

Whenever the Floodplain Administrator determines that there has been a violation of any provision of these regulations, he shall give notice of such violation to the property owner / person responsible therefore and order compliance with these regulations as hereinafter provided. Such notice and order shall:

- A. Be put in writing on an appropriate form;
- B. Include a list of violations, referring to the section or sections of these regulations that have been violated, and order remedial action, which, if taken, will effect compliance with the provisions of these regulations;
- C. Specify a reasonable time for performance;
- D. Advise the owner, operator, or occupant of the right to appeal;
- E. Be served on the owner, occupant, or agent in person. However, this notice and order shall be deemed to be properly served upon the owner, occupant, or agent if a copy thereof is sent by registered or certified mail to the person's last known mailing address, residence, or place of business, or a copy is posted in a conspicuous place in or on the dwelling affected.

SECTION 5.03 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Violation of the provisions of these regulations, or failure to comply with any of its requirements or lawful orders issued pursuant thereto, shall be deemed to be a strict liability offense. Any person who violates these regulations, or fails to comply with any of its requirements or lawful orders issued pursuant thereto, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than \$300.00 and, in addition, shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case as provided by the laws of Clinton County. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing

herein contained shall prevent Clinton County from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation. Clinton County shall prosecute any violation of these regulations in accordance with the penalties stated herein.

ARTICLE 6

Definitions

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in these regulations shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give these regulations the most reasonable application.

Accessory Structure	A structure on the same lot with, and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal structure.
Appeal	A request for review of the Floodplain Administrator's interpretation of any provision of these regulations or a request for a variance.
Applicant	The Applicant shall be one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The Property Owner<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) If the Owner(s) is a corporation, a corporate officer must sign the applicationb) If the Owner(s) is a partnership, a general partner must sign the applicationc) If the Owner is one or more individual(s), each individual must sign the application.2) The Owners Authorized Agent3) A person with a legal interest in the property
Base Flood	The flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The base flood may also be referred to as the 1% chance annual flood or one-hundred (100) year flood.
Base (100-Year) Flood Elevation (BFE)	The water surface elevation of the base flood in relation to a specified datum, usually the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 or the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, and usually expressed in Feet Mean Sea Level (MSL). In Zone AO areas, the base flood elevation is the natural grade elevation plus the depth number (from 1 to 3 feet).
Basement	Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.
Development	Any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures (including agricultural structures), mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.
Enclosure Below the Lowest Floor	See "Lowest Floor."

Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management)	Issued by President Carter in 1977, this order requires that no federally assisted activities be conducted in or have the potential to affect identified special flood hazard areas, unless there is no practicable alternative.
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	The agency with the overall responsibility for administering the National Flood Insurance Program.
Fill	A deposit of earth material placed by artificial means.
Flood or Flooding	A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The overflow of inland or tidal waters, and/or 2. The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)	Usually the initial map, produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a community depicting approximate special flood hazard areas.
Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)	An official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has delineated the areas of special flood hazard.
Flood Insurance Risk Zones	<p>Zone designations on FHBMs and FIRMs that indicate the magnitude of the flood hazard in specific areas of a community. Following are the zone definitions:</p> <p><u>Zone A:</u> Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; base flood elevations are not determined.</p> <p><u>Zones A1-30 and Zone AE:</u> Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; base flood elevations are determined.</p> <p><u>Zone AO:</u> Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; with flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths are determined.</p> <p><u>Zone AH:</u> Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); base flood elevations are determined.</p> <p><u>Zone A99:</u> Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood to be protected from the 100-year flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no base flood elevations are determined.</p>

	<p><u>Zone B and Zone X (shaded):</u> Areas of 500-year flood; areas subject to the 100-year flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with contributing drainage area less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from the base flood.</p> <p><u>Zone C and Zone X (unshaded):</u> Areas determined to be outside the 500-year floodplain.</p>
Flood Insurance Study (FIS)	The official report in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided flood profiles, floodway boundaries (sometimes shown on Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps), and the water surface elevations of the base flood.
Flood Protection Elevation	The Flood Protection Elevation, or FPE, is the base flood elevation plus 2.0 feet of freeboard. In areas where no base flood elevations exist from any authoritative source, the flood protection elevation can be historical flood elevations, or base flood elevations determined and/or approved by the Floodplain Administrator.
Floodway	<p>A floodway is the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that have been reserved in order to pass the base flood discharge. A floodway is typically determined through a hydraulic and hydrologic engineering analysis such that the cumulative increase in the water surface elevation of the base flood discharge is no more than a designated height. In no case shall the designated height be more than one foot at any point within the community.</p> <p>The floodway is an extremely hazardous area, and is usually characterized by any of the following: Moderate to high velocity flood waters, high potential for debris and projectile impacts, and moderate to high erosion forces.</p>
Freeboard	A factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for the purposes of floodplain management. Freeboard tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions, such as wave action, obstructed bridge openings, debris and ice jams, and the hydrologic effect of urbanization in a watershed.
Historic Structure	<p>Any structure that is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the U.S. Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listings on the National Register;

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; or 3. Individually listed on the State of Ohio's inventory of historic places maintained by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. 4. Individually listed on the inventory of historic places maintained by Clinton County, Ohio historic preservation program, which program is certified by the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.
Hydrologic and Hydraulic Engineering Analysis	An analysis performed by a Registered Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Ohio, in accordance with standard engineering practices as accepted by FEMA, used to determine flood elevations and/or floodway boundaries.
Letter of Map Change (LOMC)	<p>A Letter of Map Change is an official FEMA determination, by letter, to amend or revise effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, and Flood Insurance Studies. LOMCs are broken down into the following categories:</p> <p><u>Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)</u> A revision based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated special flood hazard area. A LOMA amends the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and establishes that a specific property is not located in a special flood hazard area.</p> <p><u>Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)</u> A revision based on technical data that, usually due to manmade changes, shows changes to flood zones, flood elevations, floodplain and floodway delineations, and planimetric features. One common type of LOMR, a LOMR-F, is a determination concerning whether a structure or parcel has been elevated by fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, excluded from the special flood hazard area.</p> <p><u>Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)</u> A formal review and comment by FEMA as to whether a proposed project complies with the minimum National Flood Insurance Program floodplain management criteria. A CLOMR does <u>not</u> amend or revise effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, or Flood Insurance Studies.</p>
Lowest Floor	The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement) of a structure. This definition <u>excludes</u> an "enclosure below the lowest floor" which is an unfinished or flood resistant enclosure usable solely for parking

	of vehicles, building access or storage, in an area other than a basement area, provided that such enclosure is built in accordance with the applicable design requirements specified in these regulations for enclosures below the lowest floor.
Manufactured Home	A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle". For the purposes of these regulations, a manufactured home includes manufactured homes and mobile homes as defined in Chapter 3733 of the Ohio Revised Code.
Manufactured Home Park	As specified in the Ohio Administrative Code 3701-27-01, a manufactured home park means any tract of land upon which three or more manufactured homes, used for habitation are parked, either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and includes any roadway, building, structure, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the facilities of the park. A tract of land that is subdivided and the individual lots are not for rent or rented, but are for sale or sold for the purpose of installation of manufactured homes on the lots, is not a manufactured home park, even though three or more manufactured homes are parked thereon, if the roadways are dedicated to the local government authority.
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. This insurance is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods. Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal government that states if a community will adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations to reduce future flood risks to all development in special flood hazard areas, the Federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood loss.
New Construction	Structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the initial effective date (September 16, 1988) of the <i>Clinton County, Ohio (Unincorporated areas) Flood Insurance Rate Map</i> , and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.
Person	Includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other entity, including state and local governments and agencies. An agency is further defined in the Ohio Revised Code Section 111.15 as any governmental entity of the state and includes, but is not limited to, any board, department, division, commission, bureau, society, council, institution, state college or university, community college district,

	technical college district, or state community college. "Agency" does not include the general assembly, the controlling board, the adjutant general's department, or any court.
Recreational Vehicle	A vehicle which is (1) built on a single chassis, (2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, (3) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck, and (4) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.
Registered Professional Architect	A person registered to engage in the practice of architecture in the State of Ohio under the provisions of sections 4703.01 to 4703.19 of the Revised Code.
Registered Professional Engineer	A person registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio under Chapter 4733 of the Revised Code.
Registered Professional Surveyor	A person registered as a Professional Surveyor in the State of Ohio under Chapter 4733 of the Revised Code.
Special Flood Hazard Area	Also known as "Areas of Special Flood Hazard", it is the land in the floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Special flood hazard areas are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Studies, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Hazard Boundary Maps as Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30, and A99. Special flood hazard areas may also refer to areas that are flood prone and designated from other federal state or local sources of data including but not limited to historical flood information reflecting high water marks, previous flood inundation areas, and flood prone soils associated with a watercourse.
Start of Construction	The date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the

	actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of a building.
Structure	A walled and roofed building, manufactured home, or gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.
Substantial Damage	Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.
Substantial Improvement	<p>Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures, which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any improvement to a structure that is considered "new construction," 2. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified prior to the application for a development permit by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or 3. Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration would not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure".
Variance	A grant of relief from the standards of these regulations consistent with the variance conditions herein.
Violation	The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with these regulations.

APPENDIX A

Forms and Applications

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FLOOD HAZARD AREA DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Application is hereby made for a DEVELOPMENT PERMIT as required by the *Clinton County, Ohio Special Purpose Flood Damage Reduction Regulations* for development in an identified flood hazard area. All activities shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of said Regulations. The development to be performed is described below and in attachments hereto. The applicant understands and agrees that:

- The permit applied for, if granted, is issued on the representations made herein;
- Any permit issued may be revoked because of any breach of representation;
- Once a permit is revoked all work shall cease until the permit is reissued or a new permit is issued;
- Any permit issued on this application will not grant any right or privilege to erect any structure or sue any premises described for any purposes or in any manner prohibited by the ordinances, codes, or regulations of the municipality;
- The applicant hereby gives consent to the Floodplain Administrator to enter and inspect activity covered under the provisions of the floodplain regulations;
- If issued, the FHA Development Permit form will be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises in plain view; and,
- If issued, the permit will expire if no work is commenced within one year of issuance.

Owner's Name: _____ Builder/Developer: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT SITE

1. Location of proposed development site address: _____

2. Legal description: _____ Parcel No. _____

Attach a location map showing the location of the development site relative to adjacent sites. A location map may be a copy of the tax or plat map, including scale, showing the parcel where development activity will occur.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

3a. Kind of development proposed (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-residential structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New structure | <input type="checkbox"/> New structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addition to structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Addition to structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renovations/repairs/maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovations/repairs/maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured home installation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory structure: Dimensions: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filling or grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging or excavation or mining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Materials/equipment storage: Describe type _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watercourse alteration (any change that occurs within the banks of a watercourse) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water supply / sewage disposal | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge or culvert placement / replacement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Subdivision | <input type="checkbox"/> Other development greater than 5 acres |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Additional activity description: _____

3b. If the proposed construction is an addition, renovation, repair or maintenance to an existing structure, indicate the cost of proposed construction \$_____. What is the estimated market value of the existing structure \$_____?

NOTES AND ADDITIONAL SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

- In addition to completion of this form the applicant agrees to submit any additional information required by the floodplain administrator in order to determine that the proposed development is compliant with the local and federal flood damage prevention criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program. Site plans for all development proposals must:
 - Be drawn to scale with north arrow.
 - Show property boundaries, floodway, and floodplain lines.
 - Show dimensions of the lot.
 - Show dimensions and location of existing and/or proposed development on the site.
 - Show areas to be cut and filled.
- Applications for residential and non-residential structures must also include:
 - The proposed lowest floor elevation based on the datum used on the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and base flood elevation for the site.
 - Identification of whether the structure has a basement or enclosure below the lowest floor, and if it contains a basement or enclosure, detailed drawings showing foundation openings to allow passage of floodwaters.
 - Description of how building utilities will be protected from flood waters including drawings showing locations of such utilities.
 - Detailed description of anchoring system for all mobile and manufactured homes.
 - Description of construction materials that will be used below the flood protection elevation.
- An existing structure must comply with the flood protection standards if it is substantially improved (an improvement equal to or greater than 50% of the market value of the structure). The "substantial improvement" definition applies to existing structures only and that once a structure meets the definition of "new construction" any further improvements to that structure must meet "new construction" requirements. For floodplain management purposes "new construction" means structures for which "start of construction" began on or after the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map issued by FEMA for the community.
- Any Pre-FIRM structure within the FHA that has sustained damage from any source (flood, fire, etc...) must be evaluated to determine if the structure is "substantially damaged" (damaged to 50% or more of the market value of the structure). If the structure is "substantially damaged, the structure must be brought into compliance with the flood protection standards.
- For subdivision proposals greater than 5 acres or 50 lots, or large-scale developments greater than 5 acres, a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis must be conducted to determine base flood elevations in flood hazard areas where no base flood elevations are provided.
- A Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) must be obtained for proposed projects that would result in more than a 1.0 foot increase in BFE on a watercourse that has been studied through detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses where BFEs have been specified, but no floodway has been designated **OR** when a project proposed (totally or partially within the floodway) along a watercourse for which detailed analyses have been conducted and BFEs and a floodway have been designated would result in any (greater than 0.0 foot) increase in the BFE.
- Applications for non-residential structures proposed to be floodproofed must have a completed FEMA floodproofing certification form attached (can only be completed by a Registered Professional Engineer or Architect).
- All development proposals determined to be located in a floodway must be accompanied by a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis showing impacts on of the development on flood heights (can only be completed by a Registered Professional Engineer).
- Development proposals that are considered alterations of a watercourse must be accompanied by an analysis showing that the flood carrying capacity of the watercourse has not been reduced.

I AGREE THAT ALL STATEMENTS IN AND ATTACHMENTS TO THIS APPLICATION ARE A TRUE DESCRIPTION OF THE EXISTING PROPERTY AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY. I UNDERSTAND THE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA ACTIVITIES PER THE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION AND AGREE TO ABIDE THERETO. I UNDERSTAND IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN ALL OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL PERMITS.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Flood Hazard Area Development Permit Application Page 2 of 2

FLOOD HAZARD AREA DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

This permit is issued based on documentation that the information provided in the Flood Hazard Development Permit Application is in compliance with the *Clinton County, Ohio Special Flood Damage Reduction Regulations*.

Address or property location: _____

Parcel Number: _____

Description of development activity: _____

The permittee understands and agrees that:

- An as-built Elevation Certificate will be submitted to the Floodplain Administrator after the first floor of a new, substantially improved, or substantially damaged, residential or non-residential structure is constructed;
- A final Letter of Map Revision will be obtained where a Conditional Letter of Map Revision was required as part of the permit application;
- The permit is issued on the representations made herein and on the application for permit;
- The permit may be revoked because of any breach of representation;
- Once a permit is revoked all work shall cease until the permit is reissued or a new permit is issued;
- The permit will not grant any right or privilege to erect any structure or use any premises described for any purposes or in any manner prohibited by the codes or regulations of the community;
- The permittee hereby gives consent to the Floodplain Administrator to enter and inspect activity covered under the provisions of the Floodplain Management Regulations;
- The permit form will be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises in plain view; and,
- The permit will expire if no work is commenced within one year of issuance.

Issued by: _____ Date: _____
Floodplain Administrator

Permit Number: _____

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VARIANCE / APPEAL APPLICATION AND RECORD

A variance is a grant of relief given by a community from the terms of specific standards required in its floodplain regulations. The issuance of a variance is for floodplain management purposes only. Insurance premium rates are determined by the Federal government according to actuarial risk and will not be modified by the granting of a variance. ANY VARIANCE GRANTED BY A COMMUNITY MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH THE NFIP GUIDELINES AND WITH LOCAL LAW.

1. Name of applicant: _____

2. Specify the section of the floodplain regulations from which a variance is sought: _____

3. Explain how proposed development would vary from the provisions of the floodplain regulations: _____

4. Explain the hardship imposed if a strict application of the floodplain regulations is enforced: _____

NOTE: Applicant may attach any additional supporting documents and data he/she feels necessary to help explain this project and variance request.

AN APPLICANT RECEIVING A VARIANCE TO BUILD A STRUCTURE WITH THE LOWEST FLOOR ELEVATION BELOW THE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (100-YEAR) IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE REDUCED FLOOR ELEVATION WILL RESULT IN INCREASED PREMIUM RATES FOR FLOOD INSURANCE UP TO AMOUNTS AS HIGH AS \$25 PER \$100 OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. CONSTRUCTION BELOW THE BASE FLOOD LEVEL INCREASES RISKS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 2506 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, THOSE AGGRIEVED BY THE DECISION OF THE APPEALS BOARD MAY APPEAL SUCH DECISIONS TO THE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

_____/_____/_____
Applicant's Signature Date

_____/_____/_____
Administrator's Signature Date

RECORD OF VARIANCE ACTIONS (Floodplain Administrator complete)

Variance request submitted to on _____. Variance hearing on _____

In accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the *Clinton County, Ohio Special Flood Damage Reduction Regulations*, the Appeal Board hereby [☐] approves, [☐] denies the above request for variance.

_____/_____/_____
Chair, Appeals Board Date

Decisions of the board: _____

Special Provisions of Variance Approval: _____

Note: For permit file purposes, attach the official hearing record and ensure that the eleven variance evaluation factors in the community's flood damage reduction regulations have been considered and are included in the written record.

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ENGINEERING "NO-RISE" CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I am a duly qualified engineer licensed to practice in the State of Ohio. It is to further certify that the attached technical data supports the fact that proposed development: _____ in the floodway will not increase the Base Flood Elevations

(Name of Development)

(100-year flood), floodway elevations and the floodway widths on _____
(Name of Stream)

at published sections in the Flood Insurance Study for Clinton County, Ohio, dated May 3, 2019 and will not increase the Base Flood Elevations (100-year flood), floodway elevations, and floodway widths at unpublished cross-sections in the vicinity of the proposed development.

Date _____

Signature _____

Phone Number _____

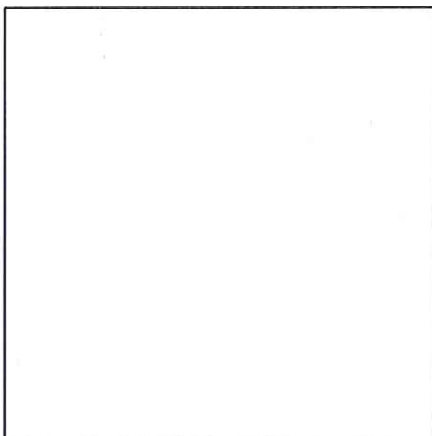
Email _____

Representing _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

CERTIFYING SEAL OR STAMP



GUIDANCE FOR “NO-RISE” CERTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN REGULATORY FLOODWAYS

Note: This guidance was adapted from that issued by FEMA Region IV in 2004.

Section 60.3 (d) (3) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations states that a community shall “prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other developments within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base (100-year) flood discharge.” All communities in Ohio that participate in the NFIP have this provision contained in their Flood Damage Reduction Regulations.

Prior to issuing any building grading or development permits involving activities in a regulatory floodway, the community must obtain a certification stating the proposed development in the floodway will not impact the pre-project base flood elevations, floodway elevations, or floodway widths. The certification should be obtained from the permittee and signed and sealed by a Registered Professional Engineer.

The engineering or “no-rise” certification must be supported by technical data. The supporting technical data should typically be based upon the standard step-backwater computer model utilized to develop the 100-year floodway shown on the community's effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) and the results tabulated in the community's Flood Insurance Study (FIS).

Although communities are required to review and approve the “no-rise” submittals, they may request technical assistance and review from the ODNR, Division of Water.

The engineering “no-rise” certification and supporting technical data must stipulate NO IMPACT on the 100-year flood elevation, floodway elevations, or floodway widths at the new cross-sections and at all existing cross-sections anywhere in the model. Therefore, the revised computer model should be run for a sufficient distance (usually 1-mile, depending on hydraulic slope of the stream) upstream and downstream of the development site to ensure proper “no-rise” certification.

Attached is a sample “No-Rise” Certification form that can be completed by a Registered Professional Engineer and supplied to the community along with the supporting technical data when applying for a floodplain development permit.