



Building Construction Notice

Subject: New Florida Building Code, 6th Edition (2017)

Date: November 22, 2017

Effective: December 31, 2017

Please be advised that as of December 31, 2017 the latest version of the Florida Building Codes, 6th Edition (2017) will become effective. One important change in this code, all permits for one and two family residential dwellings located in a flood hazard area must be built an additional twelve inches higher than current requirements as noted on the FEMA FIRM maps. The twelve-inch freeboard requirement was adopted in the 6th Edition of the Florida Building Code- Residential 322. 2.1 which states:

“Buildings and structures in flood hazard areas, including flood hazard areas designated as Coastal A Zones, shall have the lowest floors elevated to or above the base flood elevation plus 1 foot (305mm), or design flood elevation, whichever is higher.”

For additional information, the Florida Building Codes are available on the internet for viewing at www.floridabuilding.org

Thank you.