

**A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE
ELIMINATING 18" OF FREEBOARD REQUIRED ABOVE THE BASE FLOOD
ELEVATION BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV SECTIONS 14-105 #5, 14-106 #1, 14-106 #2,
14-106 #7 a 1, 14-106 #7 b 1, and 14-110 #1 a**

A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead amending Ordinance No. 2012-006 as amended (Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance) (Article IV Sections 14-105 #5, 14-106 #1, 14-106 #2, 14-106 #7 a 1, 14-106 #7 b 1, and 14-110 #1 a)

WHEREAS, The proposed text amendment is as follows:

Article IV, Section 14-105 #5

Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding, such facilities shall be located at or above the base flood elevation.

Section 14-106 #1

Residential construction. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential building (including manufactured homes) shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at or above the base flood elevation. Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, flood openings sufficient to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls of enclosures that are subject to flooding shall be provided in accordance with standards of subsection (4) of this section. New development proposals will be designed, to the maximum extent practicable, so residential building sites, walkways, driveways, and roadways are located at natural grade with elevation not less than the base flood elevation and with evacuation routes leading directly out of the special flood hazard area.

Section 14-106 #2

Nonresidential construction. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or nonresidential building (including manufactured buildings) shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at or above the base flood elevation. Buildings located in all A zones may, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be floodproofed in lieu of being elevated, provided that all areas of the building below the base flood elevation are watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water, and use structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effect of buoyancy. Dry floodproofing is allowed only where flood velocities are less than or equal to five feet per second. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the standards of this subsection are satisfied. A flood emergency operation plan and an inspection and maintenance plan must be provided by the design professional for the building. Such certification shall be provided to the floodplain administrator. New development proposals will be designed, to the maximum extent practicable, so nonresidential building sites, walkways, driveways, and roadways are located at natural grade with elevation not less than the base flood elevation and with evacuation routes leading directly out of the special flood hazard area.

Section 14-106 #7 a 1.

Elevated on a permanent foundation to have its lowest floor elevated at or above the base flood elevation; and

Section 14-106 #7 b 1.

The lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated at or above the base flood elevation and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation support system to resist floatation, collapse, and lateral movement; or

Section 14-110 #1 a

The bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the lowest floor (excluding the pilings or columns) is at or above the base flood level; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council has reviewed the application, related materials and public comments from the public hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 28, 2020 and finds that it would be in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Diamondhead to amend Article IV Sections 14-105 #5, 14-106 #1, 14-106 #2, 14-106 #7 a 1, 14-106 #7 b 1, and 14-110 #1 a

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and City Council of the City of Diamondhead do hereby amend Ordinance No. 2012-006 as amended (Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance) (Article IV Sections 14-105 #5, 14-106 #1, 14-106 #2, 14-106 #7 a 1, 14-106 #7 b 1, and 14-110 #1 a to eliminate 18" of freeboard required above the base flood elevation.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER Morgan, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER Clark IN THE AFFIRMATIVE BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD ON THE 4th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020.

	Aye	Nay	Absent
	_____	_____	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Depreo	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Moran	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Morgan	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Clark	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember L'Ecuyer	✓	_____	_____

ATTEST: Jeannie Klein
Jeannie Klein, City Clerk

Nancy Depreo
Nancy Depreo – Mayor Pro Tem

