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MOBILE HOME REQUIREMENTS FOR FLOOD ZONES

Flood Zones VE, A, AE

The proposed location of the mobile home will be checked during plan review to determine if it is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). If the home is to be installed in a SFHA, a *Proposed Elevation Certificate* will be required prior to permitting, and a *Final Elevation Certificate* will be required prior to the Final Inspection. This is required to document compliance with the NFIP, FEMA P-85, Walton County's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, and State of Florida standards. The **bottom of the frame** and all utilities, including ductwork, must be located a minimum of 1' above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

FOUNDATIONS

The home must be placed on a permanent foundation, designed in accordance with the Florida Building Code, Residential Section R322 with a reinforced cast-in-place pier or piling system that is designed to withstand the hydrostatic and hydrodynamic forces of a 100-year base flood event, and signed and sealed by a Florida registered Architect or Engineer. <u>Dry stacked block piers do not meet the provisions for a permanent foundation</u>.

FILL

If compacted fill is used to elevate the existing grade to the BFE, or if the existing natural grade is at or above the BFE, a Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F) from FEMA can remove the property out of the flood zone and a conventional dry stack block foundation may be acceptable. The LOMR-F must be granted prior to permitting to allow a dry stack block foundation.

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