

An Elevation Certificate can be a useful tool for Flood Insurance

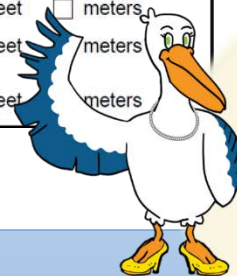
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ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

SECTION B – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION					
B1. NFIP Community Name & Community Number		B2. County Name		B3. State	
B4. Map/Panel Number	B5. Suffix	B6. FIRM Index Date	B7. FIRM Panel Effective/ Revised Date	B8. Flood Zone(s)	B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (Zone AO, use Base Flood Depth)

SECTION C – BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY REQUIRED)	
C1. Building elevations are based on: <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Drawings* <input type="checkbox"/> Building Under Construction* <input type="checkbox"/> Finished Construction *A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.	
C2. Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO. Complete Items C2.a–h below according to the building diagram specified in Item A7. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters. Benchmark Utilized: _____ Vertical Datum: _____ Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below. <input type="checkbox"/> NGVD 1929 <input type="checkbox"/> NAVD 1988 <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Source: _____ Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE.	
	Check the measurement used.
a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
b) Top of the next higher floor _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
c) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (V Zones only) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
d) Attached garage (top of slab) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
e) Lowest elevation of machinery or equipment servicing the building (Describe type of equipment and location in Comments) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
f) Lowest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (LAG) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
g) Highest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (HAG) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters
h) Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or stairs, including structural support _____	<input type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters



Elevation Certificates can help Insurance Rates
If the number in **Section C2.a)** is higher than the number in **Section B9**, then you may be able to see a reduced flood insurance premium. Talk to your flood insurance agent to see if a new rate is available.

Elevation Certificates can change a Flood Zone
If the number in **Section C2.f)** is higher than the number in **Section B9**, then you may be able to request FEMA to amend the map for your property from Zone AE to Zone X. Talk to the Jefferson Parish Floodplain office at 736-6541 for more information about a Letter of Map

Elevation Certificate Useful Terms

- ◆ **Base Flood:** The flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded any given year.
- ◆ **Base Flood Elevation (BFE):** The water surface elevation, expressed as an elevation above or below sea level.
- ◆ **Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM):** A map issued by FEMA showing flood hazard areas, BFEs, and risk premium zones.
- ◆ **Pre-FIRM:** Structures constructed before the first FIRM. For Jefferson Parish this is before July 9, 1976.
- ◆ **Post-FIRM:** A structure constructed on or after the date of the first FIRM. For Jefferson Parish this is after July 9, 1976.