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## Building Construction Notice

**Subject: Twelve-Inch Elevation Change (freeboard) for One- and Two-Family Homes**

**Date of Notice: November 15, 2017**

**Effective Date: December 31, 2017**

As of December 31, 2017, 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. 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 (305 mm), or the design flood elevation, whichever is higher."**

Please forward this information to your architects, engineers and development personnel.

For more information, please call 941.743.1201 or email [BuildingConstruction@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:BuildingConstruction@CharlotteCountyFL.gov).

Thank you.

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