



Fort Bend County Engineering
FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS

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County Engineer

RE: Permit Requirements for Repairing Flood Damaged Structures

To whom it may concern:

As part of disaster recovery efforts, Fort Bend County and FEMA have worked together to check the damage of each structure that had significant flood damage in the Hurricane Harvey flood event in August 2017. Fort Bend County Regulations for Floodplain Management require that all structures, which are mapped into a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) (i.e., 100-yr, 1% annual chance floodplain), have a Damage Assessment in order to determine if the structure is Substantially Damaged. A Development Permit is required for repairing any structure that is located within a SFHA and is determined to be Substantially Damaged.

For any structure outside the SFHA (Zone X), a Damage Assessment is not necessary, and a Development Permit is not required for restoring the structure to pre-flood conditions. A Development Permit will be required if the work includes expanding the footprint of the structure by 100 square feet or more.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call 281-633-7500.

Sincerely,

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