

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is needed to determine if a piece of property is located in a flood zone?

A: A plat of the property

Q: What is needed to establish an address?

A: You will need a plat of the property, the nearest neighbors address and the distance between the two driveways.

Q: What do I need to bring to get an occupancy permit?

A: You need the address you're moving into, including the lot number or apartment number if applicable, the name the electricity will be connected into and the name of the electric company.

Q: I'm thinking on building my own house, do the plans have to be drawn by an architect?

A: If you are serving as your own contractor, they do not. However, if you are hiring a contractor Then yes they do have to be drawn by an architect / designer.

Q: What is needed to obtain or renew a contractor's license with the parish?

A: Copy of current state license, general liability, form #1027 from the Department of Revenue and \$200.00.

Q: Can I purchase any of my permits online?

A: Yes, a website has been established the address is <HTTPS://lpcpermits.net> . However, only permits for electrical, plumbing or mechanical contractors can be purchased.

Q: Can I fax my permit application into the office and pay with a credit card?

A: No, a credit card can only be used by the card holder and it must be in person or online.

Q: I received a letter from my mortgage company informing me that I am now in the flood zone and will need to obtain flood insurance. I was not in the flood zone before. What do I do?

A: FEMA has a grandfathering rule to provide a reduced rate for homeowners that were not in a flood zone prior to the issuance of new flood maps, and therefore, never obtained flood insurance. In order to apply for the grandfathering provision you will need to provide your insurance company with a Compliance Letter (grandfather letter) stating that your structure was built in compliance with the flood maps at the time of construction.

Q: What are X-Shaded, A, AE Zones?

A: **X-shaded** is the 500 year flood and no elevation is required by the Parish and generally no insurance is required

Zone AE is the 100 year flood - Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is determined by FEMA

Zone A is the 100 Year Flood – Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is determined from the Corp of Engineers.

Q: What if my land is above the Base Flood Elevation Zone (BFE)?

A: If your land is above the BFE you will still be required to get Flood Insurance unless you apply to FEMA for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). If the LOMA or LOMR is approved, whether or not you need insurance is left up to the lending institution.