

## Chapter 54

## FLOODPROOFING REGULATIONS

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## GENERAL REFERENCES

*Planning Commission - See Ch. 14.*

*Building construction - See Ch. 88.*

*Fire prevention - See Ch. 152.*

*Mobile home parks - See Ch. 76.*

*Recreation vehicle parks - See Ch. 86.*

*Sewers and sewage disposal - See Ch. 88.*

*Streets and sidewalks - See Ch. 94.*

*Subdivision and land development - See Ch. 96.*

*Zoning - See Ch. 110.*

**§ 54-1. Building elevation.**

No structures or any portion thereof shall be erected unless the finished surface of the ground is higher than or is raised by filling to an elevation of at least one (1) foot above the elevation of the one-hundred-year flood.

No first floor or opening below the first floor of any building shall be constructed at an elevation of less than one (1) foot above the elevation of the one-hundred-year flood.

**§ 54-2. Structural anchoring.**

Any structure permitted shall be firmly anchored to prevent the structure from floating away and thus threatening life or property downstream or to further restrict bridge openings and other restricted sections of the creek.

**§ 54-3. Structural effect.**

Any structures permitted shall be constructed and placed on the lot so as to offer the minimum obstruction to the flow of water and shall be designed to have a minimum effect upon the flow and height of floodwater.

**§ 54-4. Obstructions.**

The following shall not be placed or caused to be placed in the flood hazard area: fences (except two-wire fences), other structures or other matter which may impede, retard or change the direction of the flow of water, or which will catch or collect debris carried by such water, or which are placed where the natural flow of the stream or floodwaters would carry the same downstream: to the damage or detriment of either public or private property adjacent to the floodplain.

**§ 54-5. On-site sewage disposal system.<sup>1</sup>**

No part of any on-site sewage disposal system shall be constructed within the flood hazard area.

*1 Editor's Note: See also Ch. 88, Sewers and Sewage Disposal.*

**§ 54-6. Storage of materials.**

No materials that are buoyant, flammable, explosive or in times of flooding could be injurious to human, animal or plant life shall be stored below an elevation one (1) foot above the elevation of the one-hundred-year flood.

**§ 54-7. Fill materials.**

Fill shall consist of soil or rock materials only. Sanitary landfills shall not be permitted.

**§ 54-8. Recommendations of an architect or engineer.**

Plans for buildings and structures within the flood hazard area shall incorporate the recommendations of a registered architect or certified engineer to provide for protection against predictable hazards.