



## A-99 FLOOD HAZARD ZONE: FLOODPROOFING AFFIDAVIT

The structure for which you are seeking a planning or building permit may be subject to flooding hazards due to its location in a 100-year floodplain. The boundaries of this floodplain are described in the Flood Insurance Rate Map ("FIRM") prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"). Panels 060344-0002B and -0004C of the FIRM maps were revised to reflect a FEMA Letter Map Revision ("LOMR") dated June 26, 2002 which re-designated certain areas on these maps to a A-99 Flood Hazard ZONE. Subsequent issues of the FIRM's, up to and including the latest (9/29/17 versions) have maintained the A-99 designation for those areas.

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps indicate that the majority of downtown Santa Cruz and parts of the Beach Area lie within a 100-year floodplain. The City of Santa Cruz has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to construct improvements to the San Lorenzo River Flood Control Levee system to upgrade the levees to provide protection against a 100-year flood. The LOMR issued by FEMA on June 26, 2002 recognizes the progress to date by the City and Corps of Engineers in improving the levee system. However, FEMA has not fully certified that this system is protected from a 100-year flood, but in the intervening period of time FEMA has designated property located in downtown Santa Cruz and parts of the Beach Area as being in the A-99 Flood Hazard Zone.

The FEMA A-99 Flood Hazard Zone does not include base flood elevations and therefore flood proofing or elevation of new construction is not required. Under the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program, properties in the A-99 Flood Hazard Area are still considered subject to flooding and as such are required to purchase flood insurance if funds from a federally-insured financial institution are used in the project. Since the property is located in a Flood Hazard Zone, you may wish to voluntarily flood proof your project. SCMC Section 24.14.460 subsections 1-3, and Section 24.14.470 of the City Zoning Ordinance contain the previously required flood proofing requirements in the Downtown and Beach Areas.

Any flood proofing you wish to undertake is deemed voluntary, but due to the continued Flood Hazard Zone designation, you are asked to verify the reading of this notice and indicate your choice in terms of flood proofing. A notarized copy of this affidavit shall be submitted with the permit application for the work proposed.

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**I certify that I have read the foregoing notice and with full knowledge and understanding thereof, I have made the following election:**

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessor Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I select to voluntarily undertake flood proofing activities**

**I select to not undertake flood proofing activities**

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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Printed Name of Applicant



## NOTARY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California  
County of Santa Cruz

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Notary Name  
personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Name

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Signature

Notary Seal