

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

# **ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**

AND

**INSTRUCTIONS** 

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#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program

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#### Purpose of the Elevation Certificate

The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It is to be used to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances, to determine the proper insurance premium rate, and to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F).

The Elevation Certificate is required in order to properly rate Post-FIRM buildings, which are buildings constructed after publication of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), located in flood insurance Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, and AR/AO. The Elevation Certificate is not required for Pre-FIRM buildings unless the building is being rated under the optional Post-FIRM flood insurance rules.

As part of the agreement for making flood insurance available in a community, the NFIP requires the community to adopt floodplain management regulations that specify minimum requirements for reducing flood losses. One such requirement is for the community to obtain the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved buildings, and maintain a record of such information. The Elevation Certificate provides a way for a community to document compliance with the community's floodplain management ordinance.

Use of this certificate does not provide a waiver of the flood insurance purchase requirement. Only a LOMA or LOMR-F from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can amend the FIRM and remove the Federal mandate for a lending institution to require the purchase of flood insurance. However, the lending institution has the option of requiring flood insurance even if a LOMA/LOMR-F has been issued by FEMA. The Elevation Certificate may be used to support a LOMA or LOMR-F request. Lowest floor and lowest adjacent grade elevations certified by a surveyor or engineer will be required if the certificate is used to support a LOMA or LOMR-F request. A LOMA or LOMR-F request must be submitted with either a completed FEMA MT-EZ or MT-1 package, whichever is appropriate.

This certificate is used only to certify building elevations. A separate certificate is required for floodproofing. Under the NFIP, non-residential buildings can be floodproofed up to or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). A floodproofed building is a building that has been designed and constructed to be watertight (substantially impermeable to floodwaters) below the BFE. Floodproofing of residential buildings is not permitted under the NFIP unless FEMA has granted the community an exception for residential floodproofed basements. The community must adopt standards for design and construction of floodproofed basements before FEMA will grant a basement exception. For both floodproofed non-residential buildings and residential floodproofed basements in communities that have been granted an exception by FEMA, a floodproofing certificate is required.

Additional guidance can be found in FEMA Publication 467-1, Floodplain Management Bulletin: Elevation Certificate, available on FEMA's website at <a href="https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/3539?id=1727">https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/3539?id=1727</a>.

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Important: Follow the instructions on pages 1-9.

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

SECT	TION A - PROPERTY I	NFOR	MATION		FOR INSUI	RANCE COMPANY USE
A1. Building Owner's Name THOMAS DALE McGRADY					Policy Num	ber:
A2. Building Street Address (inc Box No. 350 COUNTRY ROADS						IAIC Number:
City POCA			State West Virginia		ZIP Code 25159	
A3. Property Description (Lot an RENTAL LOT #350 COUNTRY					O TAX PAF	RCEL 60
A4. Building Use (e.g., Residen	tial, Non-Residential, A	ddition	, Accessory, etc.)	RESIDENTIAL		
A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. 38	3.4597480 L	ongC	)81.780945o	Horizontal Datum	n: NAD	1927 X NAD 1983
A6. Attach at least 2 photograph	ns of the building if the	Certific	ate is being used to	o obtain flood insur	ance.	
A7. Building Diagram Number	5					
A8. For a building with a crawls	pace or enclosure(s):					
a) Square footage of crawls	space or enclosure(s)		0 sq ft			
b) Number of permanent flo	ood openings in the cra	wispac	e or enclosure(s) w	ithin 1.0 foot above	adjacent gr	ade 0
c) Total net area of flood or	penings in A8.b 0	S	q in			
d) Engineered flood openin	gs? ⊠ Yes □ No	)				
A9. For a building with an attach	ed garage:					
a) Square footage of attach			en ft			
				ot above adjacent	rado	0
b) Number of permanent flood openings in the attached garage within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade0						
c) Total net area of flood openings in A9.b sq in						
d) Engineered flood openings?   Yes   No						
	CTION B - FLOOD IN	SURA	NCE RATE MAP	(FIRM) INFORMA	TION	
B1. NFIP Community Name & C PUTNAM COUNTY 540164	ommunity Number		B2. County Name PUTNAM			B3. State West Virginia
B4. Map/Panel B5. Suffix Number	B6. FIRM Index Date	E	IRM Panel ffective/ evised Date	B8. Flood Zone(s	(Zo	se Flood Elevation(s) ne AO, use Base od Depth)
54079C0260 D	02/02/2012		/2012	AE	583.3 (	BACK UP KANAWHA)
B10. Indicate the source of the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data or base flood depth entered in Item B9:						
B11. Indicate elevation datum u	sed for BFE in Item B9:	⊠ N	GVD 1929 🔲 NA	.VD 1988 ☐ Ot	her/Source:	
B12. Is the building located in a	Coastal Barrier Resour	rces Sy	stem (CBRS) area	or Otherwise Prote	ected Area (0	DPA)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Designation Date:			☐ OPA		,	
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IMPORTANT: In these spaces, copy the corresponding information from Section A.					FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE	
Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No. 350 COUNTRY ROADS						
City State POCA West Vi	ZIP C rginia 25159		Comp	oany NAIC N	Number	
SECTION C – BUILDING ELEVA	TION INFORMATI	ON (SURVE	Y REQUIR	ED)		
<ul> <li>C1. Building elevations are based on: Construction Drawings* Building Under Construction* Finished Construction *A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.</li> <li>C2. Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO.</li> </ul>						
Complete Items C2.a–h below according to the building diagram specified in Item A7. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.  Benchmark Utilized: USGS DISK VIA GPS  Vertical Datum: NGVD 1929						
Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below.  NGVD 1929 NAVD 1988 Other/Source:  Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE.						
		505			asurement used.	
a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace)     Top of the pout bisher floor.	or enclosure floor)	585. 3 N/A	04	⊠ feet	☐ meters	
<ul><li>b) Top of the next higher floor</li><li>c) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (V</li></ul>	Zonos only)	N/A		x feet	☐ meters	
d) Attached garage (top of slab)	Zones only)	N/A		x feet	meters meters	
e) Lowest elevation of machinery or equipment servicin     (Describe type of equipment and location in Commer)	g the building	585	35	x feet	meters	
f) Lowest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (LA	G)	580. 2	22	x feet	meters	
g) Highest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (HA	AG)	581.	59	x feet	meters	
<ul> <li>h) Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or structural support</li> </ul>	stairs, including	581. 2	26	x feet	meters meters	
SECTION D – SURVEYOR, EN	GINEER, OR ARCI	HITECT CEF	RTIFICATIO	NC		
This certification is to be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect authorized by law to certify elevation information. I certify that the information on this Certificate represents my best efforts to interpret the data available. I understand that any false statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment under 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001.						
Were latitude and longitude in Section A provided by a licens	ed land surveyor?	⊠Yes □	No 🗵	Check here	e if attachments.	
	cense Number V RPS NO. 356			1	11/2	
Title REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR			5	*	(60) 111	
Company Name CONVERSE SURVEYING					(2) [11]	
Address 58 MISSION WAY SUITE 202			2		En .	
	ate est Virginia	ZIP Code 25560		The	1500	
07	ate 7/09/2019 for (1) community offi	Telephone (304) 757-84	10.00	company and	d (3) building owner	
Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.  Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2(e), if applicable)  ITEM C2(e) - OUTSIDE HVAC UNIT AT EL. 585.35					- (5) Sanding Officer	
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IMP	ORTANT: In these spaces, copy the corresponding	information from S	Section A.	FO	R INSURANCE COMPANY USE		
	Iding Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or COUNTRY ROADS	Bldg. No.) or P.O. R	oute and Box No	. Pol	icy Number:		
City	Sta	te Z	IP Code	Cor	mpany NAIC Number		
PO	CA We	st Virginia 2	5159				
	SECTION E – BUILDING ELEV FOR ZONE A	ATION INFORMAT O AND ZONE A (V		NOT REC	QUIRED)		
con	Zones AO and A (without BFE), complete Items E1–Enplete Sections A, B,and C. For Items E1–E4, use nature meters.	<ol><li>If the Certificate is iral grade, if available</li></ol>	intended to supp e. Check the mea	ort a LON surement	MA or LOMR-F request, used. In Puerto Rico only,		
E1.	Provide elevation information for the following and ch the highest adjacent grade (HAG) and the lowest adja-		ooxes to show wh	ether the	elevation is above or below		
	Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is		feet _ n	neters [	above or below the HAG.		
	b) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is		feet n	neters [	above or below the LAG.		
E2.	For Building Diagrams 6–9 with permanent flood open	nings provided in Sec	ction A Items 8 ar	nd/or 9 (se	ee pages 1-2 of Instructions),		
	the next higher floor (elevation C2.b in the diagrams) of the building is		feet _ n	neters [	above or below the HAG.		
E3.	Attached garage (top of slab) is		feet _ n	neters [	above or below the HAG.		
E4.	Top of platform of machinery and/or equipment servicing the building is		_ [] feet [] n	neters [	above or below the HAG.		
E5. Zone AO only: If no flood depth number is available, is the top of the bottom floor elevated in accordance with the community's floodplain management ordinance? Yes No Unknown. The local official must certify this information in Section G.							
	SECTION F - PROPERTY OWNE	R (OR OWNER'S RE	PRESENTATIVE	) CERTIF	FICATION		
The	property owner or owner's authorized representative of munity-issued BFE) or Zone AO must sign here. The	who completes Section statements in Section	ons A, B, and E for ns A, B, and E are	or Zone A e correct t	(without a FEMA-issued or to the best of my knowledge.		
Pro	perty Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative's N	ame					
Add	iress	City		State	ZIP Code		
Sig	nature	Date		Telepho	one		
Cor	nments			-			

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City POCA	State West Virginia	ZIP Code 25159	Company NAIC Number			
SECTIO	N G - COMMUNITY INFO	ORMATION (OPTION	AL)			
	Certificate. Complete the ter meters.  en from other documentati	applicable item(s) and on that has been sign	d sign below. Check the measurement ned and sealed by a licensed surveyor,			
engineer, or architect who is authorized by law to certify elevation information. (Indicate the source and date of the elevation data in the Comments area below.)  G2.   A community official completed Section E for a building located in Zone A (without a FEMA-issued or community-issued BFE)						
or Zone AO.	_	•				
G3. The following information (Items G4-	G10) is provided for comm	nunity floodplain mana	agement purposes.			
G4. Permit Number	G5. Date Permit Issued		G6. Date Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy Issued			
G7. This permit has been issued for:	New Construction  Su	ıbstantial Improveme	nt			
G8. Elevation of as-built lowest floor (including of the building:	basement)	□	feet  meters Datum			
G9. BFE or (in Zone AO) depth of flooding at t	he building site:		feet meters Datum			
G10. Community's design flood elevation:			feet meters Datum			
Local Official's Name	Т	itle				
Community Name	T	elephone				
Signature	D	ate				
Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2(e), if applicable)						
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			Check here if attachments.			

#### **BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHS**

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See Instructions for Item A6.

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City	State	ZIP Code	Company NAIC Number
POCA	West Virginia	25159	×

If using the Elevation Certificate to obtain NFIP flood insurance, affix at least 2 building photographs below according to the instructions for Item A6. Identify all photographs with date taken; "Front View" and "Rear View"; and, if required, "Right Side View" and "Left Side View." When applicable, photographs must show the foundation with representative examples of the flood openings or vents, as indicated in Section A8. If submitting more photographs than will fit on this page, use the Continuation Page.



Photo One

Photo One Caption



Photo Two

FEMA Form 086-0-33 (7/15)

#### **BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHS**

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, Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or	P.O. Route and Box No.	Policy Number:	
State West Virginia	ZIP Code	Company NAIC Number	
	, Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or	, Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.  State ZIP Code	

If submitting more photographs than will fit on the preceding page, affix the additional photographs below. Identify all photographs with: date taken; "Front View" and "Rear View"; and, if required, "Right Side View" and "Left Side View." When applicable, photographs must show the foundation with representative examples of the flood openings or vents, as indicated in Section A8.



Photo One

Photo One Caption



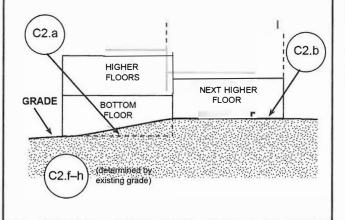
Photo Two

#### **Building Diagrams**

#### DIAGRAM 3

All split-level buildings that are slab-on-grade, either detached or row type (e.g., townhouses); with or without attached garage.

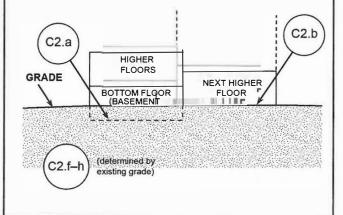
**Distinguishing Feature** – The bottom floor (excluding garage) is at or above ground level (grade) on at least 1 side.\*



#### **DIAGRAM 4**

All split-level buildings (other than slab-on-grade), either detached or row type (e.g., townhouses); with or without attached garage.

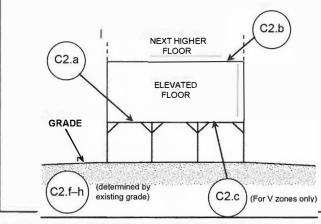
**Distinguishing Feature** – The bottom floor (basement or underground garage) is below ground level (grade) on all sides.\*



#### DIAGRAM 5

All buildings elevated on piers, posts, piles, columns, or parallel shear walls. No obstructions below the elevated floor.

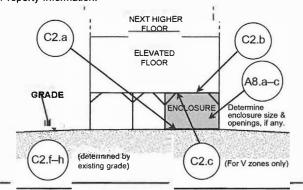
**Distinguishing Feature** – For all zones, the area below the elevated floor is open, with no obstruction to flow of floodwaters (open lattice work and/or insect screening is permissible).



#### DIAGRAM 6

All buildings elevated on piers, posts, piles, columns, or parallel shear walls with full or partial enclosure below the elevated floor.

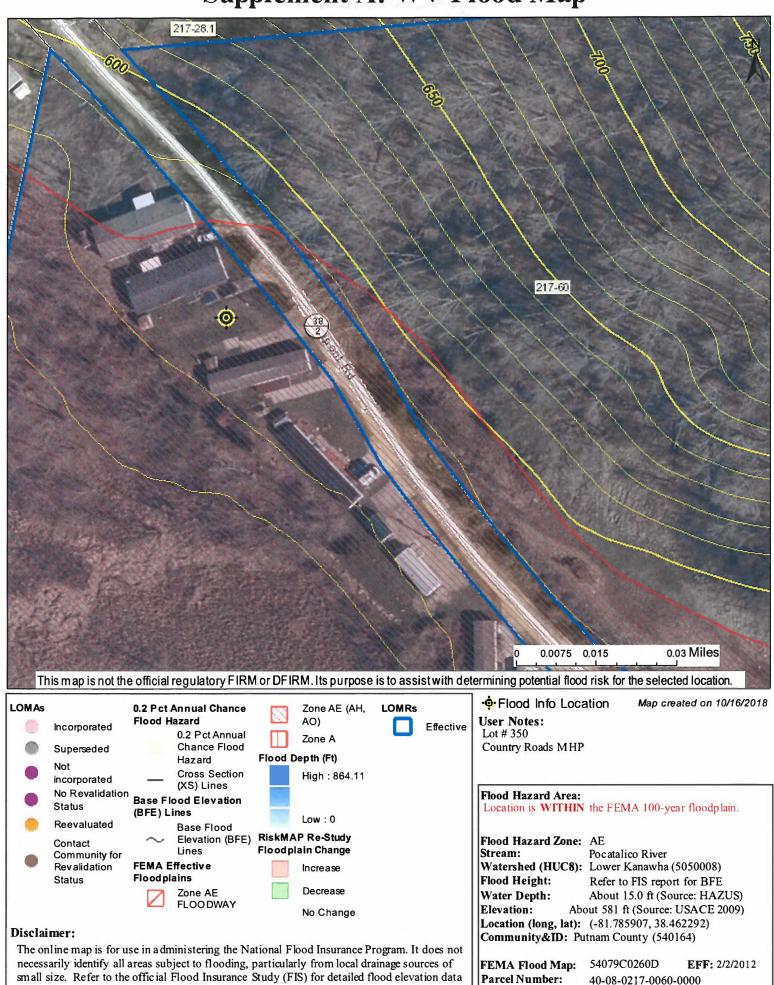
**Distinguishing Feature** – For all zones, the area below the elevated floor is enclosed, either partially or fully. In A Zones, the partially or fully enclosed area below the elevated floor is with or without openings\*\* present in the walls of the enclosure. Indicate information about enclosure size and openings in Section A – Property Information.



- \* A floor that is below ground level (grade) on all sides is considered a basement even if the floor is used for living purposes, or as an office, garage, workshop, etc.
- \*\* An "opening" is a permanent opening that allows for the free passage of water automatically in both directions without human intervention.

  Under the NFIP, a minimum of 2 openings is required for enclosures or crawlspaces. The openings shall provide a total net area of not less than 1 square inch for every square foot of area enclosed, excluding any bars, louvers, or other covers of the opening. Alternatively, an Individual Engineered Flood Openings Certification or an Evaluation Report issued by the International Code Council Evaluation Service (ICC ES) must be submitted to document that the design of the openings will allow for the automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls. A window, a door, or a garage door is not considered an opening; openings may be installed in doors. Openings shall be on at least 2 sides of the enclosed area. If a building has more than 1 enclosed area, each area must have openings to allow floodwater to directly enter. The bottom of the openings must be no higher than 1.0 foot above the higher of the exterior or interior grade or floor immediately below the opening. For more guidance on openings, see NFIP Technical Bulletin 1.

# Supplement A: WV Flood Map



in flood profiles and data tables. WV Flood Tool (https://www.MapWV.gov/flood) is supported by FFMA WV NFIP Office and WV CIS Technical Center

Address: multiple addresses

# **Supplement B: Engineering drawing**

