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FLOODPLAIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

To: All Builders and Property Owners

From: The Village of Volente

Subject: Potential Changes in Floodplain Elevations



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As you know, the floodplain elevation for the 100-year flood on Lake Travis has been 716 feet above mean sea level (msl) for many years. Under the Village's ordinances, a site development application will not be approved if a proposed building or parking area encroaches on the 100-year flood plain, however a variance will be granted if the finished floor elevation of a proposed building is at least two feet above the floodplain, or 718 feet above msl [Site Development Ordinance, §33.342(d) (9)-(10)].

A recent flood study performed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has indicated that the actual floodplain level of Lake Travis would reach a level six feet higher than previously thought. In effect, the new study has indicated that the 100-year floodplain elevation of Lake Travis is actually 722 feet above msl instead of the 716 feet above msl.

Although the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has not formally adopted the new floodplain elevations, there is a high degree of probability that they will eventually adopt the 722 feet above msl as the new floodplain elevations. Should the floodplain be established at the 722 feet above msl as indicated in the study, the Village site development ordinance will require the new finished floor elevation at 724 feet above msl.

Until such time as the new floodplain elevations are established, the Village of Volente will continue to issue building permits for habitable structures in the floodplain with a minimum finished floor elevation of 718 feet above msl. Given the potential change in floodplain elevations, the Village strongly recommends and encourages all Builders and Property Owners to consider building with the minimum finished floor elevations of 724 feet above msl. Any decision in this regard is left to the discretion of the builder and /or property owner.

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Should you opt to build in the floodplain with the minimum finished floor elevation of 718 feet above msl the Village will accept no responsibility for any flood damages to the residence. Conversely, should you opt to build in the floodplain with a minimum finished floor elevation of 724 feet above msl the Village will accept no responsibility for any additional construction or development at a level different then the 722 feet above msl. Further more, the Village of Volente is not responsible for flooding and /or damages at any elevation.

Please check the appropriate box listed below regarding the finished floor elevation that you intend to follow regarding your particular development project and sign where indicated below. The Village will not issue any building permits for the project until this document is signed and notarized.

Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

_____ Will construct the structure based on minimum finished floor elevation of 718 feet msl.

_____ Will construct the structure base on a minimum finished floor elevation of 724 feet above msl.

Name and Title of Builder/Property Owner

Address of Builder/Property Owner

Signature

Date

Notarized By: _____