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SUBJECT: Community Rating System Credit and the 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code, Residential

The 6th Edition (2017) Florida Building Code and the Florida Building Code (FBC), Residential will include a requirement relating to flood resistant construction. Specifically, buildings and structures located in flood hazard areas must have the lowest floors elevated to either the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus one foot or to the Design Flood Elevation, whichever is higher.

The Community Rating System (CRS) allows participating communities to receive credit for flood requirements which exceed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). With the implementation of the 6th Edition (2017) FBC, Residential, every community will be eligible for the CRS credit associated with the required BFE plus one foot.

Communities which already have a local Flood Hazard Ordinance that requires a BFE plus one foot will not need to take any action to maintain their existing CRS credit for freeboard. Communities that have a local Flood Hazard Ordinance which stipulates a BFE plus two or more feet will continue to receive CRS credit as before.

Should you have any questions, please contact Eduardo Fernandez at 315-786-2556.