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**DUPAGE COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187**

**GENERAL CERTIFICATION
PERTAINING TO THE ELEVATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS IN
FLOOD PLAINS**

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15-32, of the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater And Flood Plain Ordinance (Ordinance) the Director, or the Administrator in a Waiver Community, may issue General Certifications (GCs) which, when found applicable to the particular circumstances of a development, will serve as the Stormwater Management Certification for the development activity, or a portion of the development activity. The purpose of a GC under the Ordinance is to provide a simplified and expeditious means to review and certify activities that meet the requirements of the Ordinance by following the specified terms and conditions described within the GC. This GC provides certification under the Ordinance and is only valid upon approval by the Director or Administrator for a specific project. The Director or Administrator shall make the final determination as to whether a project meets all the terms and conditions of this GC. If a project does not meet all of the terms and conditions of this GC, an individual certification shall be required per the Ordinance. This GC shall remain in effect until such time that it is modified, suspended or revoked by the Director or Administrator.

APPLICABILITY

This GC applies to elevation of existing buildings located within the regulatory floodway, flood plain or buffer, but not in a wetland. Applicants seeking to use this GC shall submit a stormwater management certification application with the required supporting information and obtain a building permit or other local jurisdiction authorization prior to commencing a proposed development activity.

COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

This GC does not supersede nor relieve any responsibility to obtain other federal, state or local permits or jurisdictional authorizations.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The applicant shall comply with all rules, regulations and provisions of the Ordinance unless specifically modified or specified in this GC.
2. The minimum stormwater submittal and design requirements shall be as delineated below in the Submittal Requirements and the Special Conditions & Design Requirements sections of this GC. Other items may be required by the Director or Administrator to demonstrate compliance with the Ordinance.
3. In a non-waiver or partial waiver community, authorization is required from the Director for work in wetland buffers excluding turf grass area buffers and foundation planting beds. If required by the Director or Administrator in a Complete Waiver Community, site buffer boundaries shall be demarcated in the field and verified by an Environmental Scientist representing the County or Community. Mitigation measures for direct and indirect impact to buffer or wetland may be required as directed by the Director or the Administrator in a Complete Waiver Community
4. All disturbed areas are to be seeded, sodded, or planted with other vegetation as approved by the Director or Administrator; if seeded, the restored area must be protected with erosion control measures until the vegetation has been established and the ground is stabilized.
5. Minor temporary stockpiling of materials or fills within the flood plain may be allowed. The Director or Administrator may place limits on how long and where the temporary stockpiling can take place.
6. Construction activities shall commence within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the issuance of any local permit or jurisdictional authorization otherwise this GC shall be null and void. If in the opinion of the Director or the Administrator conditions existed beyond the control of the applicant preventing construction activities to commence, additional time may be granted beyond the one hundred eighty (180) calendar day time limit.
7. A certification under this GC expires one (1) year following the date of certification issuance unless extended in accordance with Section 15-32 of the Ordinance.
8. A security as required in accordance with Article VI of the Ordinance may be waived by the Director or Administrator.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS & DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions and minimum design requirements must be met for this GC unless waived by the Director or Administrator:

1. There shall be a pre-application meeting with the Director or Administrator to establish the FPE in accordance with the Ordinance.
2. Consultation with an environmental scientist will be required for work in or impacts to buffers unless the work or impact has been determined by the Director or Administrator in a Complete Waiver Community to be minor.
3. The construction shall not result in any change in existing ground elevations.
4. The elevated building must comply with Section 15-81.B of the Ordinance.
5. The outside wall of any new foundation shall be located within 10' of the outside of an existing foundation wall. The area added to the existing structure shall not exceed 150 square feet.

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6. Existing basements or crawl spaces must be filled in to meet the existing grades surrounding the existing building. The new foundation must be flood vented in accordance with section 15-81.B of the Ordinance.
7. Stairs and utility supports for elevated buildings shall be open to the flow of water below the FPE.
8. The location of the structure shall remain substantially the same. Footprints of existing structures within the regulatory floodway cannot be enlarged per Section 15-82.A.8 of the Ordinance and the location of the structure must remain the same, or in a place where the hydraulics of the regulatory floodway are improved.
9. Compensatory storage shall not be required for the construction of the new foundation.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The applicant shall provide the Director or Administrator with a minimum of the following information unless waived by the Director or Administrator:

1. Stormwater certification application form.
2. Project description.
3. An exhibit to an engineering scale annotated to show the limit of the proposed development contemplated; limits of any floodway and flood plain, verified wetland boundaries, or buffers; and planned access routes.
4. Elevation of the existing lowest floor of the building to be raised.
5. Elevation of the proposed lowest floor of the building.
6. Representative photographs of the building to be elevated.
7. Foundation plans, including the size, area, location and elevation of all flood openings; interior and exterior grades; and square footage of enclosed areas subject to flooding.
8. Construction details including type, material and dimensions.
9. A soil and erosion control plan meeting the requirements of the Ordinance.
10. A restoration plan, if required.
11. FEMA DFIRM and DuPage County RFM maps, with site location identified.
12. Copies of all applicable federal, state, and local permits, or appropriate delegation letters.
13. Following completion of construction, a post construction elevation certificate, along with representative as-built photographs of the structure.