

# Town of North Topsail Beach

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## North Topsail Beach Unified Development Ordinance Article 7: Flood Damage Prevention Certification of Finished Construction

On June 4, 2020, the Board of Aldermen held a public hearing and adopted amendments to UDO Art. 7 Flood Damage Prevention, § 11.02 Definitions and the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps, all with an effective date of June 19, 2020.

Prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for all applications submitted after June 19, 2020 a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify the finished construction is compliant with the design, specifications and plans for VE Zone construction. This includes properties that are in an AE flood zone as well, as the Town has adopted V zone construction standards throughout the Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zones VE and AE) pursuant to 7.04 (G).

- **§ 7.04 (B) (1) (d) (iii) (1);** V-Zone Certification with accompanying plans and specifications verifying the engineered structure and any breakaway wall designs. **In addition, prior to the Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy issuance, a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify the finished construction is compliant with the design, specifications and plans for VE Zone construction.**
- **§ 7.04 (B) (3) (f);** A V-Zone Certification with accompanying design plans and specifications is required prior to issuance of a Floodplain Development permit within coastal high hazard areas. It shall be the duty of the permit applicant to submit to the Floodplain Administrator said certification to ensure the design standards of this ordinance are met. A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop or review the structural design, plans, and specifications for construction and certify that the design and methods of construction to be used are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this ordinance. This certification is not a substitute for an Elevation Certificate. In addition, prior to the Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy issuance, **a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify the finished construction is compliant with the design, specifications and plans for VE Zone construction.**
- **§ 7.05 (G) (9);** A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the design, specifications and plans for construction are in compliance with the provisions of Article 4, Section B and Article 5, Section G (3) and (4), on the current version of the North Carolina V-Zone Certification form or equivalent local version. In addition, prior to the Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy issuance, **a registered professional engineer or architect shall certify the finished construction is compliant with the design, specifications and plans for VE Zone construction.**

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