

Code of Baltimore County Regulations
Title 04 Department of Public Works
Subtitle 02 Flood Insurance Rate Maps
Authority: §§ 32-8-202(a) and 32-8-203(d), Baltimore County Code, 2003

Chapter 01 Adoption of Maps

01. Baltimore County adopts and shall enforce the most recent revision of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study, including:

- FIRM Map Panel 2400100010F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100015F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100020F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100030F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100035F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100040F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100045F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100055F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100065F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100080F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100085F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100090F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100095F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100105F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100110F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100115F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100120F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100130F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100135F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100140F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100145F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100165F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100185F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100205F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100210F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100215F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100220D Effective August 2, 2011
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100230F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100235F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100240F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100245F Effective August 2, 2011
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100255F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100260F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100265F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100270F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100280F Effective September 26, 2008
- FIRM Map Panel 2400100285F Effective September 26, 2008

FIRM Map Panel 2400100290F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100295G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100315G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100335F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100355F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100359F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100360F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100370F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100378F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100380F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100385F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100386F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100387F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100388F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100389F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100395F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100405F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100410F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100420G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100430G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100435G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100440G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100445G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100455G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100465G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100485F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100502F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100505F Effective September 26, 2008
FIRM Map Panel 2400100510G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100530G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100535G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100555G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100560G Effective May 5, 2014
FIRM Map Panel 2400100580G Effective May 5, 2014
Flood Insurance Study Baltimore County, Maryland Revised May 5, 2014

02. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 32, Title 8 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003 and the definition of “historic structure” in § 32-8-201(r) of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, Baltimore County will not consider a structure preliminarily determined as meeting the requirements for listing by the Maryland Historic Trust to be an historic structure as defined in § 32-8-201(r)(1) or (3) of the Baltimore County Code, 2003.

Chapter 02. Regulations Concerning Tidal Floodplain Areas

01. Definitions

A. In this Chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

B. Terms defined.

(1) "AE" means 1% Annual Chance Floodplain with elevations determined as delineated in the FIRM.

(2) "BFE" means Base Flood Elevation as shown in the FIRM or in the FIS associated with the FIRM panel upon which it is shown.

(3) "FIRM" means Flood Insurance Rate Map.

(4) "FIS" means Flood Insurance Study.

(5) "LiMWA" means Limit of Moderate Wave Action as delineated on the FIRM.

(6) "LOMA" means Letter of Map Amendment.

(7) LOMC

(a) "LOMC" means Letter of Map Change.

(b) "LOMC" includes LOMA and LOMR.

(8) "LOMR" means Letter of Map Revision.

(9) "NFIP" means National Flood Insurance Program.

(10) "Riverine" means floodplain inundated stormwater runoff.

(11) "Tidal" means floodplain inundated due to high tides, hurricanes, tropical storms and steady on-shore winds.

02. Flood Insurance.

A. For purposes of determining flood insurance premiums the zones shown on the latest effective FIRM map or as amended by an approved Letter of Map Change shall govern.

B. Floodplain information for flood insurance purposes under the NFIP shall be determined only by the latest effective FIRM.

03. BFE's for Building Code Purposes.

A. Tidal base flood elevations (BFE's) shall be no less than as shown on the most recent FIRM, suffix letter G (listed in Chapter 2 Regulation 05) or later, or most recent FIS; and,

B. Tidal base flood elevations (BFE's) shall be no less than the BFE's as shown on FIRM or FIS, suffix letter F with effective date September 26, 2008; and,

C. Tidal base flood elevations (BFE's) shall be no less than any tidal flood elevations approved by the Director of Department of Public Works.

04. Zones in the Special Flood Hazard Area for Building Code Purposes

A. The Building Code imposes specific requirements on construction in the VE zone and in the area of the AE zone on the side of the LiMWA away from land (also known as the Coastal AE zone).

B. Regulation .03 may impose higher BFE's in these areas than shown on the latest effective FIRM.

C. Building Code requirements specific to the VE and Coastal AE zones shall apply even though the higher BFE may have been based on an earlier map that did not take wave action into consideration.

05. Applicability

A. This Chapter applies to building permits applied for on or after the May 5, 2014 effective date of FIS 240010V000D and the FIRM maps with suffix G listed below:

2400100295G
2400100315G
2400100420G
2400100430G
2400100435G
2400100440G
2400100445G
2400100455G
2400100465G
2400100510G
2400100530G
2400100535G
2400100555G
2400100560G
2400100580G

B. This Chapter does not apply to riverine floodplains.

Chapter 03. Severability.

Except as otherwise provided by law, if a section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Subtitle is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unconstitutionality may not affect any of the remaining words, phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this Subtitle unless:

- (1) The section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word is subject to a provision that prohibits severability under this section; or
- (2) The court finds that the remaining valid provisions alone are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

Administrative History

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