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**Archie P. Chaisson III, Parish President**

**Building Permit Department**

Dear Permit Applicant:

Your property is located in a Zone "B," which is considered to be an area subject to 100-year flooding with average depths less than one (1) foot or a Zone "C," which is considered to be an area of minimal flooding on the FEMA FIRM'S (Flood Insurance Rate Map). No elevation certificate is required for issuance of a Development Permit. You should be aware that you are in an area, which is considered to be between the limits of the 100-year and the 500-year flood zone respectively. This means that every year there is a 1 in 100 or a 1 in 500 chance of flooding in these areas.

A flooded yard is an aggravation, but a flooded house is a disaster. During Tropical Storm Allison, June 6 – 10, 2001, many homes inundated with water were located in either a Zone B or C. For this reason, we are advising applicants who are located in these shallow flood zones to investigate potential flooding problems in your area and build accordingly.

Lafourche Parish Council is working diligently to construct and maintain drainage and pumping facilities throughout the parish. We are all aware that there are acts of nature man will never be able to circumvent or control.

In most years drainage is adequate, however, every 5 to 10 years we get extraordinary water levels from thunderstorms, frontal passages, and hurricanes. With extra elevation you can reduce your chances of flooding tremendously. You are not required to elevate, but please consider building at least 2 to 3 feet above ground level or above the nearest street.

**Flood insurance is available in Lafourche Parish to all residents in Zone "B" or "C".**

I have read and understand the above as it applies to my application for a Development Permit in Lafourche Parish.

Address of Site \_\_\_\_\_

Thibodaux, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Witness

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Permit #