

**Calhoun County Texas  
APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

**Floodplain Administration**

211 S. Ann St., Suite 301

Port Lavaca, TX 77979

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<https://www.calhouncotx.org/flood-plain-administration/>

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER / APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE TO BE DEVELOPED**

Legal Description: Lot \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Property ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address or Physical Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use of building (check one):**  Residential  Commercial  RV Park (# of spaces \_\_\_\_\_)  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Square Footage:**

Living \_\_\_\_\_ Garage \_\_\_\_\_ Porch \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Class of work (check one):**  New  Repair  Addition  Remodel  Move

**Type of Foundation (check one):**  Slab  Pier & Beam  Pilings  Pads & Blocks

**Type of Roof (check one):**  Composition  Metal  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Water & Sewage System:**  Public Water  Public Sewer  Water Well  Septic

New water wells need to contact the Groundwater Conservation District at 361-482-0357.

Port O'Connor residents need a pre-construction Inspection from the Improvement District before development can begin. Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Description of all work being performed at site: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION**

Property is located in Floodzone \_\_\_\_\_ (el \_\_\_\_\_)

Community Number 480097, Map Number 48057C- \_\_\_\_\_

***If property is located in Floodzone AE or VE, a survey showing the natural ground elevation must be attached to application before it can be processed. After construction is complete, a **Finished Construction Elevation Certificate** must be filed with the Floodplain office within 60 days.***

**Please initial that you understand these requirements.** \_\_\_\_\_

Is this property in a Flood Hazard Area? \_\_\_\_\_

Elevation at Building Site: \_\_\_\_\_

First Floor Elevation is \_\_\_\_\_ feet above MSL/Ground.

**Cost of Project is?** \_\_\_\_\_

Are plans submitted with application? \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLAIMER**

THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS (FIRMS) AND OTHER FLOOD DATA USED BY THE CALHOUN COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR IN EVALUATING FLOOD HAZARD TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS ARE CONSIDERED REASONABLE AND ACCURATE FOR REGULATOR PURPOSES AND ARE BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENTIFIC AND ENGINEERING DATA. ON RARE OCCASIONS, GREATER FLOODS CAN AND WILL OCCUR AND FLOOD HEIGHTS MAY BE INCREASED BY MAN-MADE OR NATURAL CAUSES. THESE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DEEMED NECESSARY TO MINIMIZE OR ELIMINATE FLOOD DAMAGE, BUT RELIANCE ON THESE MINIMUM STANDARDS SHALL NOT CREATE LIABILITY ON THE PART OF CALHOUN COUNTY, CALHOUN COUNTY FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR OR ANY OTHER OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN IN THE EVENT OF FLOODING OR FLOOD DAMAGE OCCURS.

**REGULATIONS FOR BUILDING IN FLOODZONES AE & VE**

**Both AE & VE Zones**

- All structural components must be adequately connected and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or permanent lateral movement of the building.
- Building materials and utility equipment must be resistant to flood damage. All machinery and equipment servicing the building must be elevated to or above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), including furnaces, heat pumps, hot water heaters, air conditioners, washers, dryers, refrigerators and similar appliances, elevator lift machinery, electrical junction and circuit breaker boxes.

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- Any space designed for human habitation must be elevated to or above the BFE, including bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, dining, living, family and recreation room; office professional studio and commercial occupancy.
- Uses permitted in spaces below the BFE are vehicular parking, limited storage and building access (stairs, stairwells and elevator shafts only, are subject to design requirements described below for walls).

**AE Zones**

- Building must be elevated such that the lowest floor (including any enclosure or basement) is elevated to or above the BFE on fill, posts, piers, columns of extended walls.
- Where fully enclosed space exists below the BFE, wall must be designed to minimize buildup of flood loads by allowing water to automatically enter, flow through and drain from the enclosed area. The openings should have 1 square inch of openings for every square foot of enclosure. Vents, louvers or valves can be used to equalize flood levels inside and outside enclosed spaces.

**VE Zones**

- Mobile or Manufactured homes are not allowed in VE zones.
- Buildings must be elevated on pilings or columns such that the bottom of the structural member supporting the lowest floor is elevated to or above the BFE.
- Buildings must be certified by a registered professional architect or engineer to be securely fastened to adequately anchored pilings or columns to withstand velocity flow and wave wash.
- Space below the lowest floor must be free of obstruction or enclosed with breakaway walls (i.e. Walls designed and constructed to collapse under velocity flow conditions without jeopardizing the building's structural support).
- **FILL MAY NOT BE USED FOR STRUCTURAL SUPPORT**
- No construction is allowed seaward of mean high tide line.
- **Fences / Partitions / Separation Walls /Barriers in VE and adjacent AE zones -**  
Prohibit the installation of fences that can divert water or serve as a dam either by the type of fence or the pile-up of flood-carrying debris (such as but not limited to solid wood, metal, masonry, or chain link). Fences must meet the following requirements and be permitted:
  - (i) Fences must be open and may not be higher than five (5) feet
  - (ii) must have no more than one (1) horizontal strand per foot of height
  - (iii) first strand starts (1) foot above ground
  - (iv) strand can be no wider than three (3) inches and no thicker than one (1) inch
  - (v) each strand separated by one (1) foot.
  - (vi) vertical posts for strands are a minimum of (6) six feet apart.

**Please read and initial:**

I have received a copy of the Subdivision Regulations and am also aware that I must obtain a culvert permit from the Commissioner in my Precinct at no additional charge. The Subdivision Regulations can be found at the website listed above.

**Initial:** \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and agree to the regulations listed on this application and will build structure in strict compliance with the Flood Damage Prevention Order of Calhoun County, the State of Texas Building and Windstorm regulations. Failure to obey these regulations will result in fines and penalties and deem this application for permit null and void. I will also submit an Elevation Certificate by a certified engineer or licensed surveyor before the initiation of the proposed development that is in Floodzones AE or VE.

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**Signature of Applicant-Owner**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**UTILITY CONNECTIONS**

Final connections of utility services shall not be made until after the Floodplain Administrator has approved the building or structure to be in compliance with the Flood Damage Prevention Order of Calhoun County. All utility companies servicing customers within the county shall be apprised of this order and specifically this requirement.

**PENALTIES**

Violation of the Flood Damage Prevention Order by failure to comply with any of its requirements shall constitute a Class C misdemeanor for each act of violation and for each day of violation and in addition shall pay all costs and expenses involved in the case.

**All permits expire 6 months from date of issuance.**

**Check or money orders are to be made payable to: Calhoun County**

**We do NOT accept credit or debit cards.**

**Cash must be exact as we do not have change.**

**Plans are preferred to be submitted electronically. If not electronic, cannot be larger than 8 1/2" x 11"**

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**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Permit Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Amount **\$60**      Paid by:    cash    check # \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_      Denied \_\_\_\_\_      Receipt# \_\_\_\_\_