

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DEVELOP IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA  
GADSDEN, ALABAMA



PERMIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned hereby makes application for a permit to develop in a designated Flood Hazard Area. The work to be performed is described below and in attachments hereto. The undersigned agrees that all such work shall be done in accordance with the requirements of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of Gadsden, Alabama and with all other applicable Federal, State, and local regulations.

**Owner or Authorized Agent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Builder/Contractor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Builder/Contractor Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone and Fax Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Location (include tax parcel identification)** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:**

**Section A. Description of Work (Check Appropriate Items)**

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| 1. Proposed Development Description:              | 2. Type of Construction:                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration or Repair     | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relocation               | <input type="checkbox"/> Addition                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grading                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Accessory Structure        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction         | <input type="checkbox"/> Remodel Existing Structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home Installation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging                 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Course Alteration  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____   |   |

3. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

4. NOTE: Applicant understands and agrees that this permit is issued on the conditions and facts described; any permit may be repealed if conditions or facts change; permit void if the activity has not begun within 180 days of the issuance date; and the permit will remain valid for one year from date of issuance.

**Section B. Alterations, Additions, or Substantial Damage/Improvements to an existing structure.**

1. What is the estimated market value of the existing Structure? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the estimated cost of the proposed construction? \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. If the cumulative cost of the proposed construction in conjunction with any previous improvements during a ten (10) year rolling period equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure, then the substantial improvement/damage requirements apply. (Complete Substantial Improvement/Damage Certification forms).
4. If substantially damaged, has Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) Coverage Checklist been reviewed?

**Section C. Site Identification.**

1. Is the proposed development in an identified floodway? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
2. If the answer to item one, Section C., is yes, has a "No Rise" Certification been completed and attached?
3. What flood zone and panel number appear on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) in the proposed development area? \_\_\_\_\_ **Zone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Panel Number**
4. What is the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) at the site? \_\_\_\_\_ Feet above Mean Sea Level (M.S.L.)
5. What is the required Lowest Floor Elevation (Including Basement)? \_\_\_\_\_ M.S.L. **\*Note:** Gadsden requires that Lowest Floor Elevation be a minimum of one foot above Base Flood Elevation (BFE).
6. What is the elevation to which all attendant utilities, including all heating/AC and electrical equipment will be installed or floodproofed? \_\_\_\_\_ Feet Mean Sea Level (M.S.L.) **\*Note:** Gadsden requires all heating/AC and electrical equipment be installed a minimum of one foot above Base Flood Elevation.
7. If structure is floodproofed, the required floodproofing elevation must be minimum one foot above (BFE).
8. Will the proposed development require alteration of any water course? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
9. Is the proposed development in a "V" Zone? If yes, attach completed "V" Zone certification form and insure propane tanks are anchored and during plans review, insure swimming pools meet FEMA "V" Zone Requirements.

**Section D. Commercial (Non-residential) Construction**

1. Type of flood protection method used? \_\_\_ Floodproofing \_\_\_ Elevation **\*Note:** Appropriate, current FEMA Form Required.

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR/BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

**Section E. Subdivision**

1. Does this subdivision or other development contain 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less) \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
2. If yes, base flood elevation data must be provided by the developer.

**Section F. Administrative:**

1. The applicant understands that at the time of completion of the lowest floor and/or lowest horizontal supporting member is in place, an Elevation Certificate (provided by Building Department) must be completed by a registered professional surveyor/engineer, and submitted to the Building Department, prior to any further work being done.
2. A Final Inspection is required on the structure after the building is completed. A Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.) must be issued by the Building Department prior to the building being occupied.
3. If Floodproofing (for commercial buildings only) is provided for building, an "As Built" Floodproofing certificate must be provided by a registered professional engineer.
4. Applicant is responsible for acquiring **(required and approved)** Local, State, or Federal permits prior to the start of construction.
5. **Comments:** (Attach additional comments if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section G. Attachments: (Check and provide all that apply)**

- Site Plan required showing buildings and improvements, flood zones, base flood elevation (a completed FEMA Elevation Certificate is required for each structure).
- Building floodproofing (FEMA Floodproofing Certificate required) plans certified by registered architect or professional engineer. (Required for non-residential floodproofing in lieu of Elevation Certificate).
- Building elevation plans by registered architect or professional engineer (required for elevated construction).
- \*When Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is not available, an "Approximate" zone elevation must be determined by professional land surveyor or registered professional engineer and submitted on a FEMA Elevation Certificate.
- "No-Rise/No-Impact" certification by registered professional engineer. (Required for development in floodway to include hydraulic analyses supported and submitted on FEMA Form MT-2).
- \*Complete Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage Checklist, if applicable, and attach to this permit.

**I, the undersigned, understand that I must comply with the City of Gadsden Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Section 54 of Code of Ordinances, and all applicable Local, State, and FEMA regulations. In addition, permanent electrical service will not be energized until all provisions are compliant.**

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ APPROVED                      \_\_\_\_ DENIED                      \_\_\_\_ CONDITIONAL

COMMENTS RELATING TO CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: (Attach additional comments if necessary)

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