

# **NOTICE TO APPLICANT/OWNER REGARDING FLOODING**

**Please read carefully before you begin your construction project!**

**WARNING:** The degree of flood protection required by County's floodplain ordinance and the Florida Building Code are considered as minimum regulatory purposes only. The floodplain ordinance and Florida Building Code are based on scientific and engineering considerations, but do not include actual, observed events of flooding that may have occurred at your property. You should also keep in mind that larger floods have, can, and will occur from time to time. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. Approval of your permit under the floodplain ordinance does not imply that the permitted structure will be free from flooding or flood damage. The Special Flood Hazard Areas and Base Flood elevations are contained in the Flood Insurance Study and shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps. The County adopts these maps for purposes of compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, but makes no representations or assurances of their accuracy or reliability. The County does not maintain, track, or provide flood history data for any particular parcel of land.

**THERE IS NO GUARANTY OF VESTED USE, EXISTING USE, OR FUTURE USE CREATED BY YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING YOUR OWN PARTICULAR FLOOD RISK AND YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK WITH NEIGHBORING OWNERS AND THE PREVIOUS OWNERS OF YOUR LAND TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR PROPERTY'S SPECIFIC FLOOD HISTORY.**

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.** The County floodplain ordinance does not create liability on the part of Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damage that results from reliance on the ordinance, or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder. Again, it is your responsibility to assess your property's flood risk and build accordingly.

**For more information**, see the Columbia County Code of Ordinances, Land Development Regulations, Article 8, at: [https://library.municode.com/fl/columbia\\_county](https://library.municode.com/fl/columbia_county). Additional information can also be found on the County Building Department's web page: <https://www.columbiacountyfla.com/BuildingandZoning.asp>.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read and understand the foregoing **NOTICE TO APPLICANT/OWNER REGARDING FLOOD ZONES**. I understand it is my responsibility to determine my property's flood risk, and that the County has made me no assurances that my property can not or will not flood.

**OWNER SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARCEL # OR ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_