BUILDING IN A HIGH RISK, SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA)

“DO I NEED TO ELEVATE?”

Notes:
1. Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) are areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding every year. SFHA are shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) as zone A, AE, AO, or AH.
2. Elevation required is equal to the base flood elevation shown on the FIRM plus required freeboard.
3. Non-residential structures may be made floodproof up to the flood protection elevation instead of elevating the finished floor. Floodproofing certification required.
4. Market value pertains to the structure only; land value is excluded. Costs must include all elements necessary to complete the project; labor and materials must be based on a fair market value. Contact community Floodplain Administrator for detailed evaluation information.
5. Pre-FIRM structures are those which were constructed before May 15, 1980 in unincorporated areas; or before January 3, 1979 in City of Stockton.
6. The minimum modification necessary is considered the installation of a single doorway in the common wall.