HARRIS COUNTY
Floodplain Management Regulations

CODEWORD

The Codeword is used to clarify provisions of the Harris County Floodplain Management Regulations. The sole intent is to make clear acceptable practice.

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Subject: Floodplain Easements

Code Ref: REGULATIONS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TX FOR THE APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, EFFECTIVE 9 JULY 2019. SECTION 2.14.a, SECTION 4.03.5, SECTION 4.06.11, SECTION 4.07, SECTION 4.08, SECTION 8.0.2

Question: When is a Floodplain Easement required to be placed on a plat?

Answer: If the buildable area of each single family lot or multifamily reserve shown on the proposed plat does not fall within the 100 year floodplain per the latest FIRM panel or the 100 year boundaries of a final or administratively complete LOMA, LOMR, LOMR-F, or CLOMR (submitted to Harris County Flood Control District), then no floodplain easement will be required on the plat. If no floodplain easement is required, then delineation of floodplain boundaries is not required.

Commercial reserves restricted against all residential do not require floodplain easements.

If you have any questions about this CODEWORD, please contact us at 713-274-3900
Question: Do the infrastructure regulations allow for floodplain easements to be dedicated via separate instrument?

Answer: Floodplain easements may be dedicated by separate instrument prior to plat approval. Floodplain easements and dedicatory language/ certifications must be shown on the plat regardless of how the easement is dedicated.

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Harris County Permits Manager

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