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Building Codes, Certificates of Occupancy, and Land Use Zoning Ordinances
Verification Letter for Interested Parties

Brazoria County has not adopted building codes for single family residential developments and does not issue Certificates of Occupancy. **However, a building permit is required in accordance with the County's flood plain requirements for any enclosed structure or for the placement of a manufactured or relocated structure.** Please contact the Brazoria County Flood Plain Administrator, Joe Ripple, at 979-864-1295 for County building permit requirements.

Furthermore, Brazoria County has adopted a County Fire Code administered by the Brazoria County Fire Marshal and that office issues Certificates of Compliance for certain multi-family and non-residential developments. Please contact the Brazoria County Fire Marshal, Martin Vela, at 979-864-1121 for County Fire Code requirements.

Brazoria County does not regulate land use and has not adopted zoning ordinances in the unincorporated areas of the County. Area municipalities may have requirements within their city limits and extraterritorial jurisdictions and should be consulted separately. The property owner must also abide by any deed restrictions and home owners' association requirements in effect.

Be advised that the Brazoria County Environmental Health Department may also have applicable requirements and should be contacted at 979-864-1600.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact this office.


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