

Elevation Certificates on E-Connect

Elevation Certificates for new construction, renovations and/or additions are available online for building permits issued since 2000 in FEMA's designated floodplain in unincorporated Lee County. Elevation certificates are also available online for structures built in the floodplain from 2000-2007 in Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach.

However, there are no elevation certificates for structures on parcels that were designated in the floodplain for the first time with new maps effective in August 2008. Those structures did not require elevation certificates because they were not in the floodplain at the time of construction.

To find an Elevation Certificate online: (Please print this page for future reference)

Visit www.lee-county.com/econnect.

- Click on Permit/License Search
- Enter the property address in the "Search by Address" field or choose one of the other search options. (Please enter text in all capital letters)
- When the results are returned, look for the construction permit for the initial construction of the structure itself. The permits are labeled with one of these categories and the year the permit was issued:
 - RES – For single-family and duplex dwellings.
 - COM – For commercial structures including condos, office buildings, apartment complexes, warehouses, restaurants, etc.
 - MRV – For mobile homes.
- After selecting the permit, check the "Flood Compliance" field. If an Elevation Certificate was required, it will state "Applicable" or may also specifically state "Elevation Certificate." Scroll to the bottom of the permit information page. Under "Documents for Activities," look for the reference to Elevation Certificate and click on the blue-highlighted link that begins with the code "EC." (In some cases, there may be two elevation certificates, one made during construction and another listed as "Final" or "Finished Construction." The National Flood Insurance Program requires the final certificate for its records.)
- These documents are stored as .tif files and can be viewed and printed from your home or office printer.

In some cases, Elevation Certificates might be filed with permits for additions and/or renovations.

If you are not able to find an Elevation Certificate for your property in unincorporated Lee County, you may submit a records request by e-mailing GRinehart@leegov.com. Please include this information if available: property address, STRAP number, permit number and the year built.