

Legislation at a Glance

Proposal 10: Clarify Construction Requirements in Flood Zones

Implemented

Local Law 82 of 2013

Summary

City regulations for new construction and substantial renovations provide for resiliency in flood zones, but the requirements are not always clear to design professionals and contractors. This legislation directs the NYC Department of Buildings to create a manual specifically focused on flood protection.

New Requirements or Changes

Effective: October 2, 2013

NYC Administrative Code, Title 28, Chapter 1, Article 103, Section 28-103.23

Local Law 82/2013 directs the NYC Department of Buildings to create a flood protection manual, in English and Spanish, that is to be available in print and on the department's website. The manual is to include, at a minimum:

- Explanation of the materials requirements imposed by applicable flood construction requirements and standards,
- Descriptions of how specific utilities and equipment must be protected from flooding; and
- The application of the flood construction and protection requirements and standards to existing structures.

The manual is to be updated as necessary to reflect changes to applicable flood construction requirements and standards. There is no deadline given by which the Department of Buildings must complete the manual and make it available.

NYC Building Code, Appendix G, Section 5.2.6

The updated NYC Building Code, enacted by Local Law 141 of 2013 and effective on October 1, 2014, updates the reference for flood-damage resistant interior and exterior finishes, as well other building materials not specifically covered in Appendix G, to the latest FEMA Technical Bulletin: *Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirement for Buildings Located in Special Flood Hazard Areas, August 2008*.

Implementation Notes

There are no known issues with fulfilling the requirements of this legislation.