

Elevation Certificates on E-Connect

Elevation Certificates can be found attached to permits for new construction, renovations, and/or additions depending upon the type of flood compliance designated to meet the FEMA requirements. You can search Lee County's Community Development online database, E-Connect, for an elevation certificate for your property, which can be printed at no charge. Elevation certificates are available for buildings in Unincorporated Lee County completed since 2004. Elevation Certificates are also available for buildings in the City of Bonita Springs and the Town of Fort Myers Beach which were completed from 2004-2007. For buildings completed prior to 2004 please send a request to GRinehart@leegov.com.

Often attached to a permit you may find a 'Final' also known as a 'Finished Construction' elevation certificate and a 'Building under construction' elevation certificate. The 'Finished Construction' elevation certificate is the one most frequently requested by insurance companies.

Directions for finding an Elevation Certificate online: (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' fields. (The other search fields may also be used if you have that information available to you.)
- When the results of your search are returned:
 - **Residential** - You will need to select the cases beginning with 'RES', keeping in mind that the certificate will most likely be found attached to the permit for construction of the dwelling unit. Look for key words SFR, Single Family, Duplex, etc.
 - **Commercial** – You will need to select the cases beginning with 'COM', keeping in mind that the certificate will most likely be found attached to the permit for construction of the building. Look for key words Condo, Office Building, Apartment Complex, Warehouse, Commercial Building, Restaurant, Bank etc.
 - **Mobile Homes** – If you are searching for an elevation certificate for a mobile home you will need to select the case types beginning with 'MRV'.
- After selecting a case, check the 'Flood Compliance' field for the type of compliance used to meet the FEMA requirements during construction of the building. If this field indicates that an elevation certificate was used, scroll to the bottom of the permit information page. Under the subheading 'Documents for Activities' click on the document titled 'Finished' or 'Final' Elevation Certificate. The document is in a .TIF file format and can be viewed and printed from your home or office printer.

If you are unable to find an elevation certificate attached to your original building permit, you may also want to research any permits for additions and/or renovations which may have required flood compliance.

If you are unable to find an elevation certificate for your property, and your home was built in Unincorporated Lee County, you can submit a 'records request' by sending an email to GRinehart@leegov.com. Please include any of the following information if available, property address, strap number, permit number, and/or the year built.