



Harvey Recovery

Why does the City of Bellaire require permits for flood-related damage?

Public Safety

Recent flood events in Bellaire demonstrate the dangers to you and to first responders associated with rising water entering living spaces. The City's standard for permitting repair and construction ensure that current and future residents are more protected from flood waters. The City's standard for construction to be one foot above base flood elevation has been in place since 2004. The objective behind this standard is to ensure that people who live in floodplain areas do so in reasonably elevated structures.

To Protect You Financially

The permit process ensures that your contractor is currently insured.

Some citizens will be eligible for Increased Cost of Compliance funding from FEMA, but only if they receive proper information from the City of Bellaire. The City's permit process results in that documentation.

The City will apply for a FEMA mitigation grant that may provide partial funding for bringing structures into compliance. Part of the verification process is matching your FEMA claims to applications for flood permits.

Continued discounts on flood insurance premiums, and reduced rates, is dependent on the City's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Issuing permits for flood repairs is a necessary element of the NFIP.

So That Our Community May Rebuild In A Consistent And Fair Manner

The City's requirements are not new. Our continued reputation as a safe place, and a good place to build a home, live, and raise a family, depends on our fair and consistent application of our long-standing requirements.

Our commitment is we apply these standards fairly, we listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and help you understand your options.