

**2025-2-ORD requested by Matthew Jewell, Parish President / Dept. of Planning & Zoning to amend Section XX.B of the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, as amended, to add a definition of “Base Flood Elevation” to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.**

**Mr. Albert** – thank you Mr. Chair, I’m going to give a bit of a preamble for this application and the next one. The parish just went through its CAV visit its community assistance visit where FEMA comes in and talks to us about our program and all the things that we do to protect the residents from flood risk. We got our report back we had two things we needed to correct in our code that’s what you seeing tonight is this ordinance and the next. Both of these things are completely benign this placement of this definition is something we already have we’re bound to it by FEMA regulations its simply not enumerated in the code in the place that FEMA wants it to be. So, what you’re seeing with this definition that 2025-2 is adding is “Base Flood Elevation” is simply a term we have to add into our codes. It’s not changing any regulatory structure at all not adding any new requirements, it’s simply putting the words on paper.

The public hearing was open.

**Walter Pile** – it’s me again. Having read this there are things in our codes that refer to DFIRM which is (inaudible) is something we haven’t accepted for the parish back 2012, 2013. I know a lot about this because I faced it recently. The question I have is by looks of this definition here and the reference back to like 1981 and 83 does that mean that this is gonna be relegated to using not DFIRM which is used for construction of new houses as well as substantial completion or construction or modification to a structure. So, I think this probably could use a little bit more clarification before we go forward with the language, and I really believe that a review of the existing code would reveal what I’m saying. That’s all I have to say, thank you.

**Mr. Albert** – just for reference the language is being used is verbatim what we were ordered to put in our code by FEMA.

**Commissioner Keen** – nothing from the State regulatory on that?

**Mr. Albert** – this is straight from FEMA.

**Commissioner Keen** – part of the problem.

**Mr. Albert** – what’s that?

**Commissioner Keen** – part of the problem.

**Mr. Albert** – this is the definition that we use like this is what we currently working with its just not in the code where they want it.

**Commissioner Keen** – we just doing some maintenance.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Price made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Frangella.

YEAS: KEEN, PRICE, FRANGELLA, FOLSE, ROSS, JAY

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: PETIT

**PASSED**

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