



## **Elevation Certificate Service**

The Town of Lauderdale by the Sea has a free service for its residents and business owners. Residents and business owners are able to obtain Elevation Certificates by calling the Municipal Services Department.

Why is having an Elevation Certificate important?

An Elevation Certificate lists the floor elevations and flood zones for new buildings in the Town. This Certificate can assist citizens in getting an accurate quote for flood insurance in the Town. It also lets the owner or operator of the structure know the level of risk from flooding that exists for that structure. Finally, the Elevation certificate shows whether a structure is lower than the current required elevation, where the so-called 50% rule applies. This rule states that if a structure is in a flood zone and is damaged or improved to more than 50% of its market value, it must be elevated to the current required height.

Please read the following important facts about this service before you call:

- The Town of Lauderdale by the Sea has only been keeping Elevation Certificates for new construction on file since February 2008. If your house or business was built before 2008, it is not likely we will have an Elevation Certificate for that structure. You are still invited to try your property address as you wish.
- The Town of Lauderdale by the Sea and its employees, Commissioners and Mayor are not held liable for any of the information found in the Elevation Certificate, or any actions taken based on the information provided. The Town is simply providing a public service by making the Elevation certificate available. The Town of Lauderdale by the Sea does not vouch for the authentication of Elevation Certificates; please contact the surveyor who performed the service for any questions on elevations certified and other information provided on this form. A Town telephone contact is also provided at the bottom of this page.
- The Town is continually updating its list of Elevation Certificates, and new features for better access will be added in the future.
- The Elevation Certificates in this program are not considered official Town documents; they are only provided for public information purposes.

Three Simple Steps to Access Elevation Certificates:

- It will help if you know the Folio Number of the property you wish to check. If you do not have the Folio Number, this number can be found on the warranty deed or other property records. If you can't find it Town Staff will assist you.
- With your Folio Number in hand, simply call or stop by the Municipal Services Department to view the Elevation Certificates.

If you do get an Elevation Certificate on your own, please forward a copy to the Town. We want to have as complete a list of these important documents as we can, to better serve our residents and businesses! Please call or Email the Floodplain Administrator at the address below, if you have an Elevation Certificate you would like to submit, or for more information.

### **Elevation Certificate Contact Information**

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