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Registered Design Professionals Policy 2000 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code Section 113.1

Policy:

Effective immediately, it shall be to policy of the Northampton County Building Department, under the authority of section 113.1 of the 2000 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), and subsequent editions of the USBC, to require that a Virginia registered design professional (architect or engineer), or a structural engineer registered in another State of the United States, review and seal structural plans for all buildings, including single family dwellings or additions to single family dwellings to be built within 1,500 feet of the Chesapeake Bay, the creeks, inlets, and bodies of water leading off the Chesapeake Bay; Seaside bodies of water such as Hog Island Bay, Outlet Bay, Ramshorn, Mockhorn Bay and similar bodies of water including their associated creeks, guts and inlets. The registered design professional shall certify that the structure, if built according to the plans, will withstand 110 mile per hour wind speeds without structural damage.

The building official may waive this requirement for small sheds, detached garages, decks, piers, bulkheads or similar small structures, not normally occupied by persons during storm events, where structural failure is not likely to damage adjacent occupied or habitable structures.

2000 USBC - SECTION 113.0.

REGISTERED DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

113.1. General. Where required by law or where determined necessary by the building official, all construction documents required for a building permit application shall be prepared by a registered design professional (RDP) licensed in this Commonwealth. The building official shall establish a procedure to ensure that construction documents are prepared by a RDP licensed in this Commonwealth where required by law. In the cases where construction documents are not required to be prepared by a RDP licensed in this Commonwealth, the construction documents shall bear the name, address and occupation of the author.