

## **FLOOD PROTECTION ASSISTANCE** **from the Building Department**

Most homes in Lighthouse Point are located in a flood hazard area. If you are in the process of building a home or remodeling an existing home in the City, be sure to take the appropriate steps to protect your home from further flooding.

Homes must be built at least 18" above the crown of the road or equal to the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) recommended elevation for a one-hundred-year storm, whichever is higher; however, in no event shall the floor be more than three (3) feet above the crown of the road. The Building Department has Flood Insurance Rate Maps available for you at no charge, and will assist you with map reading services, upon request. Additionally, elevation certificates are also available in the Building Department for residential units and commercial properties.

Although the City of Lighthouse Point is unable to recommend a building contractor, please call the Building Department (954-943-6509) for a list of contractors who are registered with the City.

Before you select a contractor, make sure they are properly licensed, have a certificate of competency, and have Workers Compensation and liability insurance. All these items are required before the Building Department will accept an application for a building permit.

Before signing a contract for work on your home, make sure the contract defines the work to be performed in accordance with plans and specifications, and it should also show the amount of compensation the contractor is to receive at the various stages of construction.

If you are dissatisfied with the performance by the contractor, your recourse is through civil courts for the specific performance.

To find out more information on flood insurance assistance, contact the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (NFIP/CRS), P.O. Box 501016, Indianapolis, IN 46250-1016, by phone 317-848-3578, or by e-mail [NFIPCRS@ISO.COM](mailto:NFIPCRS@ISO.COM). You may also check our website, [www.lighthousepoint.com](http://www.lighthousepoint.com), and click on the Flood Insurance button for more information and links to FEMA and other insurance-related sources.