

UPDATE ON ORDINANCE REGARDING STILT HOUSES

As included in last month's newsletter, the town has a current code that was intended to disallow "stilt" type homes. This code was enacted in 1991 with the minutes showing the Commission stating "it was to avoid having stilt houses and to keep the houses looking more traditional". Over the ensuing years, stilt houses have not been constructed.

With the unprecedented damage caused by the 2024 storms, this ordinance has been called into question and the town requested a legal review. The Town Attorney reviewed the code this week and has determined that even though the intent of the Commission was apparent in the minutes, the wording of the ordinance is not clear in prohibiting stilt type structures. Therefore, these type of homes can be constructed.

We wanted to provide this update in a timely manner so anyone interested in elevating or building a new structure would have correct information.

If you have any questions about specifics on design or construction, please contact the Building Official, Randy Spears at 727-202-6825.