

JACKSON COUNTY PERMITTING & CODE ENFORCEMENT Floodplain Map Handout – Preliminary Flood Maps 2025

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Floodplain

Basic development information and map explanation for proposed flood maps.

Blue and White Striped Areas – This area is known as the Floodway. No construction or development is allowed in this area <u>unless</u>:

- a) It is demonstrated that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in the flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood, based on hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice and presented to the Floodplain Administrator prior to the issuance of floodplain development permit, or
- b) A Conditional Letter or Map Revision (CLOMR) has been approved by FEMA. A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) must also be obtained upon completion of the proposed encroachment.
- Blue Shaded Area This area is referred to as the 100-year flood plain.

 Development is permitted in this area as long as the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area is elevated to 2 feet above the base flood elevation for residential construction, or commercial construction has been flood-proofed to 2 feet above the base flood elevation.

Yellow Shaded Area – This area is known as the **500 year flood plain** and is not enforced per the Jackson County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This information is provided as reference for planning purposes.

NOTICE: This information is provided to assist in the basic interpretation of preliminary flood maps for Jackson County. For complete regulations for development in the special flood hazard areas of Jackson County, please contact the Jackson County Office of Permitting & Code Enforcement.