



Acronyms:

- FFE - Finished Floor Elevation
- MLOE - Minimum Lowest Opening Elevation
- WSEL - Water Surface Elevation
- PIA - Potential Inundation Area
- D.R.M.C. - Denver Revised Municipal Code

<p style="text-align: center;">CITYWIDE [Development Services]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Without Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finished Floor Elevation (FFE) or Minimum Lowest Opening Elevation (MLOE) must be at least 24" above gutter flow line elevation adjacent to all entrances.⁽¹⁾ <p style="text-align: center;">With Study⁽²⁾:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFE/MLOE at least 12" above 100-year WSEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFE/MLOE above 2 x 100-year flow WSEL • FFE/MLOE above WSEL based on 2 x flow determined from flow at 12" depth⁽¹⁾
<p style="text-align: center;">POTENTIAL INUNDATION AREA (PIA) [Development Services]</p> <p>When available⁽³⁾, other detailed (2-D) hydraulic studies are used to determine FFE/MLOE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFE/MLOE at least 12" above 100-year WSEL • FFE/MLOE above 2 x 100-year flow WSEL
<p style="text-align: center;">REGULATORY FLOODPLAIN [Public Works]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Protection is determined by Denver Floodplain Ordinance (D.R.M.C. 56-200 through 56-206)⁽⁴⁾ (See https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/711/documents/StormMasterPlan/StormDrainageDesignTechnicalCriteria.pdf)
<p style="text-align: center;">OVERLAP AREA [Public Works and Development Services]</p> <p>FFE/MLOE based on the more restrictive of Regulatory Floodplain or Potential Inundation Area.⁽⁴⁾</p>

1) Only allowed in areas where there are no known areas of flooding.
 2) Requires analysis by Colorado licensed Professional Engineer.
 3) In some cases detailed hydraulic studies may be available from the City.
 4) Other specific floodplain requirements also apply.