

**62S-7.010 Definitions.**

(1) “Coastal building zone” means

(a) The land area from the seasonal high-water line landward to a line 1,500 feet landward from the coastal construction control line as established pursuant to Section 161.053, F.S., and, for those coastal areas fronting on the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, Florida Bay, or Straits of Florida and not included under Section 161.053, F.S., the land area seaward of the most landward velocity zone (V-zone) line as established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and shown on flood insurance rate maps;

(b) On coastal barrier islands, it shall be the land area from the seasonal high-water line to a line 5,000 feet landward from the coastal construction control line established pursuant to Section 161.053, F.S. or the entire island, whichever is less; and

(c) All land area in the Florida Keys located within Monroe County shall be included in the coastal building zone.

(2) “Expected life” means the time when an element is supposed to function within its specified parameters; in other words, the life expectancy of the structure or project.

(3) “Flood depth” is the water level measured in feet above the ground at the project location.

(4) “Horizontal construction” means new construction of surface parking lots, highways, roads, streets, bridges, utilities, water supply projects, water plants, wastewater plants, water and wastewater distribution or conveyance facilities, wharves, docks, airport runways and taxiways, drainage projects, or related types of projects associated with civil engineering construction.

(5) “New coastal structure” means a major or nonhabitable major structure for which construction has not yet commenced beginning July 1, 2022 (one year after effective date of this rule). Projects that are rehabilitation or maintenance of existing structures, including related minor improvements shall not be considered new.

(a) “Major Structures” are defined in Section 161.54(6)(a), F.S.

(b) “Nonhabitable Major Structures” are defined in Section 161.54(6)(c), F.S.

(6) “Vertical construction” means the new construction of any building, structure or other improvement that is predominantly vertical, including, without limitation, a building, structure or improvement for the support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind, and any improvement appurtenant thereto.

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