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2. Park and travel trailers, if affixed to a site for a period greater than 180 days, are subject to the same regulations as manufactured homes.
3. Generally, manufactured homes are now subject to the same rules as residences.
4. Previous provisions allowing the new installation, replacement, or substantial improvement of mobile homes in existing mobile home parks, without elevation, have been eliminated.
5. Requirements for filing evacuation plans for mobile home parks have been eliminated.
6. A section is added which specifically requires that mechanical and utility equipment be designed or elevated to prevent entry of flood water
7. New standards have been established for a community to grant exceptions for floodproofed residential basements that make such exceptions easier to obtain. ie: on 1/2 acre or less lots where neighboring lots have structures below base flood level.
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