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**FORM NO**  
**DPC-04**

## FLOOD PLAIN DECLARATION

I declare the market value of the proposed construction work under building permit application number: \_\_\_\_\_

located at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor's Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ for the construction of an addition and/or remodel  
 consisting of \_\_\_\_\_

**will not be a "Substantial Improvement"** as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (see definition below). I am aware the building site is located within special flood hazard zone \_\_\_\_\_ in Community Number: 06007C Map Panel Number and Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

and may be at risk of flooding although I am not being required to comply with flood plain management criteria.

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Substantial Improvement** is defined as follows: any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other proposed new development of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty (50) percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. The Substantial Improvement cost is cumulative and includes all improvements that are not listed below as being excepted and that have occurred within the proceeding five years. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- a. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations or state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- b. Any alteration of a "historic structure" provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

Note: If the improvement percentage, cumulative over the last 5 years, equals or exceeds 40% of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement, a certified appraisal shall be required to verify the proposed work will not constitute a substantial improvement.

Substantially improved structures shall meet the minimum building standards of the National Flood Insurance Program & Butte County's Flood Plain Ordinance (BCC 26-21)

See [FEMA-Substantial-Improvement-Damage-Fundamentals.pdf \(pa.gov\)](#) for additional information regarding FEMA's Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage requirements.

# Substantial Improvement Worksheet for Projects within FEMA Floodplain

Building Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_ APN: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXISTING STRUCTURE VALUE:**

Please only include the current market value of the structure. Do not include the value of the land or the value of any other improvements or structures that are not directly attached to the structure in question.

USE	AREA (SF)	VALUE PER SF	VALUE (\$)
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____

**Existing Structure Value (ESV):** \_\_\_\_\_

**VALUE OF PROPOSED ADDITION AND/OR REMODEL:**

Please enter the current market value of the addition and/or remodel work. The full market value of any work done by the property owners or volunteers or donated items must be included. Market value is defined as the price a licensed contractor would charge to perform all of the work and supply all of the construction materials.

USE	AREA (SF)	VALUE PER SF	VALUE (\$)
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____
_____	_____	X	= _____

**OR AMOUNT OF REMODEL CONTRACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Improvement Value (IV):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Improvement Percentage =  $\frac{IV}{ESV} \times 100 =$  \_\_\_\_\_ %**

Calculated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_