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**PUBLIC NOTICE for PROPOSED RULE-MAKING and
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proposed Amendments to the Coastal Resources Management Program
Management Procedures – Section 4.2 Information Requirements, Application Forms and
Fees**

Pursuant to Chapter 46-23 of the State of Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) proposes to amend and take public comment on the following proposed new section only of the Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP): **Management Procedures - Section 4.2.1 Application Requirements for Expedited Review of Projects Seeking Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Fortified Home™ Program Designation.** Comments will not be taken on any other section of the Coastal Resources Management Program during this notice period. In accordance with the procedures of the RI Administrative Procedures Act (R.I.G.L. § 42-35-3) and the Rules and Regulations of the Coastal Resources Management Council, notice is hereby given of the intent of the Coastal Resources Management Council to hold a public hearing, accept public comment, and afford interested persons reasonable opportunity to submit data, views or arguments orally or in writing during the 30-day comment period and the public hearing.

The **public hearing** will be held at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in Conference Room A at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI.** The room is accessible to the disabled and persons requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Council office at 401-783-3370 or RI 711 at least three (3) business days in advance of the hearing date so that such assistance can be provided at no cost to the person requesting.

Summary of Proposed Amendment to Management Procedures – Section 4.2.:

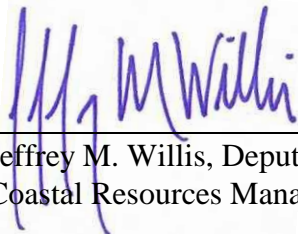
The purpose of the proposed regulation change is to add new Section 4.2.1 to provide for expedited CRMC permit review procedures for residential construction projects that voluntarily include the Fortified Home™ Program standards and techniques for coastal hazard resilient construction. The proposed new Section 4.2.1 is not a mandatory regulatory requirement; rather it is an elective process developed collaboratively between the CRMC and the RI Builder's Association to promote coastal hazard resilient construction.

The Council has complied with the requirements of R.I. General Laws §§ 42-35.1-3 and 42-35.1-4 and has filed copies of the proposed regulations with the Governors Office and the Office of Regulatory Reform of the Department of Administration's Office of Management and Budget. The Council has determined that the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate any other state regulation and will not have any adverse effect on small businesses.

The proposed regulations are available on the CRMC website – www.crmc.ri.gov. Additionally, the proposed regulations can be reviewed in person at the Coastal Resources Management Council offices located at the Oliver Stedman Government Center, 4808 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Coastal Resources Management Council offices at 783-3370.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed amendments to **Section 4.2 of the CRMC Management Procedures** by **September 23, 2016** to provide advance notice to the Council prior to the public hearing. All such comments should be directed to Grover J. Fugate, Executive Director, at the above address.

Signed this **24th** day of **August**, 2016



Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director
Coastal Resources Management Council

Proposed Amendments

RI Coastal Resources Management Program – Management Procedures

Add **new** Section 4.2.1 - **Application Requirements for Expedited Review of Projects Seeking Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Fortified Home™ Program Designation**, as follows:

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4.2.1 Application Requirements for Expedited Review of Projects Seeking Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Fortified Home™ Program Designation:

- (1) Applicants for projects seeking the IBHS Fortified Home™ Program Certification shall file with their CRMC Assent application a copy of their Fortified Home™ Evaluation Application.**
- (2) Fortified Bronze level applications are eligible for expedited review only until December 31, 2017. Beginning January 1, 2018, only Fortified Silver or Gold designation projects will be eligible for the expedited permit incentive.**
- (3) Bronze level re-roofing projects on existing homes are eligible for expedited review and Assent issuance within five (5) business days or less, provided there are no changes in the rooflines or structural footprint expansion.**
- (4) Silver and Gold level projects for new home construction or renovation to existing homes are eligible for expedited application review and Assent issuance within fifteen (15)**

business days or less provided they have a complete application as determined by CRMC staff, meet Category A application requirements, and there are no variance requests for setback, buffer and stormwater standards as specified in CRMP Sections 140, 150 and 300.6, respectively.

- (5) Fortified Home™ Program applicants must provide a permit bond payable to the CRMC in the amount of \$5,000 for Bronze level certification and \$20,000 for Silver and Gold level certifications. The CRMC shall release the permit bond upon the project completing the requirements of the Fortified Home™ Program and providing certification of such to the CRMC within 90 days following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy issued by the local building official. Upon a determination by CRMC staff that the applicant failed to provide the Fortified Home™ Program certification within the specified period, then the applicant shall be in default and the bond shall be forfeited to the CRMC. Further, two defaults by an applicant will commence their ineligibility for the expedited review program, pursuant to this section, for a period of 5 years.