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FLOOD COVERAGE ENDORSEMENT – TEXAS

PLEASE READ THIS ENDORSEMENT CAREFULLY. THE FLOOD INSURANCE PROVIDED IS SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EXCLUSIONS.

This Flood Coverage Endorsement is added to your Dwelling (WIC TX DWO 01) Wind Only Policy. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ENDORSEMENT ARE APPLICABLE TO FLOOD LOSSES. THE POLICY PROVISIONS IN THE DWELLING WIND ONLY POLICY TO WHICH THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ATTACHED DO NOT APPLY TO FLOOD LOSSES UNLESS EXPRESSLY STATED OTHERWISE BELOW.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMPLIANCE GUARANTEE

This Flood Coverage Endorsement is guaranteed to provide coverage for the peril of flood which equals or exceeds the flood coverage offered by the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”). To the extent any provision within this endorsement fails to provide such coverage, such provision is hereby amended to provide coverage for the peril of flood which equals the flood coverage offered by the National Flood Insurance Program.

This “flood coverage endorsement” meets the private “flood” insurance requirements specified in 42 U.S.C. s. 4012a(b) and does not contain any provision that is not in compliance with 42 U.S.C. s. 4012a(b).

This NFIP Compliance Guarantee only applies to primary flood coverage.

I. INSURING AGREEMENT

We will pay you for direct physical loss by or from flood to your insured property if you:

1. Have paid the correct premium;
2. Comply with all terms and conditions of this Flood Coverage Endorsement; and
3. Have furnished accurate information and statements.

We have the right to review the information you give us at any time and to revise your Flood Coverage Endorsement based on our review.

This endorsement modifies the insurance provided under your wind dwelling policy by adding coverage for the peril of flood, but only when a flood limit of insurance is shown on the Declarations Page.

As an alternative to this Flood Coverage Endorsement, flood insurance may be available under the NFIP through an insurance agent who may obtain a flood policy either directly through the NFIP or through an insurance company that participates in the NFIP.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. In this Flood Coverage Endorsement, “you” and “your” refer to the insured(s) shown on the Declarations Page and your spouse, if a resident of the same household. Insured(s) includes: Any mortgagee and loss payee named in the Application and Declarations Page, as well as any other mortgagee or loss payee determined

to exist at the time of loss in the order of precedence. “We”, “us”, and “our” refer to the insurer.

Some definitions are complex because they are provided as they appear in the law or

regulations, or result from court cases. The precise definitions are intended to protect you.

Flood as used in this Flood Coverage Endorsement, means:

1. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of two or more acres of normally dry land area or of two or more properties (one of which is your property) from:
 - a. Overflow of inland or tidal waters,
 - b. Unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source,
 - c. Mudflow.
 2. Collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or similar body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels that result in a flood as defined in II.A.1.a. above.
- B. The following are the other key definitions we use in this Flood Coverage Endorsement:
1. **Act.** The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and any amendments to it.
 2. **Actual Cash Value.** The cost to replace an insured item of property at the time of loss, less the value of its physical depreciation.
 3. **Application.** The statement made and signed by you or your agent in applying for this Flood Coverage Endorsement and the wind only policy to which it is attached. The application gives information we use to determine the eligibility of the risk, the kind of coverage to be issued, and the correct premium payment. The application is part of this Flood Coverage Endorsement. For us to issue you a Flood Coverage Endorsement, the correct premium payment must accompany the application.
 4. **Base Flood.** A flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
 5. **Basement.** Any area of the building, including any sunken room or sunken portion of a room, having its floor below ground level (subgrade) on all sides.
 6. **Building.**
 - a. A structure with two or more outside rigid walls and a fully secured roof, that is affixed to a permanent site;
 - b. A manufactured home (a "manufactured home," also known as a mobile home, is a structure: built on a permanent chassis, transported to its site in one or more sections, and affixed to a permanent foundation); or
 - c. A travel trailer without wheels, built on a chassis and affixed to a permanent foundation, that is regulated under the community's floodplain management and building ordinances or laws.

Building does not mean a gas or liquid storage tank or a recreational vehicle, park trailer or other similar vehicle except as described in II.B.6.c. above.
 7. **Business Day.** A day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday recognized by the state of Texas.
 8. **Cancellation.** The ending of the insurance coverage provided by this Flood Coverage Endorsement before the expiration date.
 9. **Condominium.** That form of ownership of real property in which each unit owner has an undivided interest in common elements.
 10. **Condominium Association.** The entity made up of the unit owners responsible for the maintenance and operation of:
 - a. Common elements owned in undivided shares by unit owners; and

- b. Other real property in which the unit owners have use rights; where membership in the entity is a required condition of unit ownership.
11. **Declarations Page.** A computer-generated summary of information you provided in the application for insurance, which is attached to the wind only dwelling policy to which this Flood Coverage Endorsement is attached. The Declarations Page also describes the term of this Flood Coverage Endorsement, limits of coverage, and displays the premium and our name. The Declarations Page is a part of this Flood Coverage Endorsement.
12. **Described Location.** The location where the insured building(s) or personal property are found. The described location is shown on the Declarations Page.
13. **Direct Physical Loss By or From Flood.** Loss or damage to insured property, directly caused by a flood. There must be evidence of physical changes to the property.
14. **Dwelling.** A building designed for use as a residence for no more than four families or a single-family unit in a building under a condominium form of ownership.
15. **Elevated Building.** A building that has no basement and that has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers, pilings, or columns.
16. **Emergency Program.** The initial phase of a community's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. During this phase, only limited amounts of insurance are available under the Act.
17. **Improvements.** Fixtures, alterations, installations, or additions comprising a part of the insured dwelling or the apartment in which you reside.
18. **Mudflow.** A river of liquid and flowing mud on the surface of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water. Other earth movements, such as landslide, slope failure, or a saturated soil mass moving by liquidity down a slope, are not mudflows.
19. **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).** The program of flood insurance coverage and floodplain management administered under the Act and applicable Federal regulations in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter B.
20. **Flood Coverage Endorsement.** The entire written contract providing flood insurance between you and us. It includes:
- This printed Flood Coverage Endorsement form;
 - The Application and Declarations Page;
 - Any other endorsement(s) to the Flood Coverage Endorsement form that may be issued; and
 - Any renewal certificate indicating that coverage has been instituted for a new Flood Coverage Endorsement and new Flood Coverage Endorsement term.
- Only those dwellings, which you specifically described in the application and which have a flood limit of liability shown on the Declarations Page, may be insured under this Flood Coverage Endorsement.**
21. **Pollutants.** Substances that include, but are not limited to, any solid, liquid, gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals, and waste. "Waste" includes, but is not limited to, materials to be recycled, reconditioned, or reclaimed.
22. **Post-FIRM Building.** A building for which construction or substantial improvement occurred after December 31, 1974 or on or after the effective date of an initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), whichever is later.
23. **Regular Program.** The final phase of a community's participation in the National

Flood Insurance Program. In this phase, a Flood Insurance Rate Map is in effect and full limits of coverage are available under the Act.

on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Rate Map as Zone A, AO, A1-A30, AE, A99, AH, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/AO, AR/A1-A30, V1-V30, VE, or V.

24. **Special Flood Hazard Area.** An area having special flood or mudflow, and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown

25. **Unit.** A single-family unit you own in a condominium building.

III. PROPERTY COVERED

A. FLOOD COVERAGE A – BUILDING PROPERTY

We insure against direct physical loss by or from flood to:

1. The dwelling at the described location, or for a period of 45 days at another location as set forth in III.C.2.b., Property Removed to Safety.
2. Additions and extensions attached to and in contact with the dwelling by means of a rigid exterior wall, a solid load-bearing interior wall, a stairway, an elevated walkway, or a roof. At your option, additions and extensions connected by any of these methods may be separately insured. Additions and extensions attached to and in contact with the building by means of a common interior wall that is not a solid load-bearing wall are always considered part of the dwelling and cannot be separately insured.
3. A detached garage at the described location. Coverage is limited to no more than 10% of the flood limit of liability on the dwelling. Use of this insurance is at your option but reduces the flood building limit of liability. We do not cover any detached garage used or held for use for residential (i.e. dwelling), business, or farming purposes.
4. Materials and supplies to be used for construction, alteration, or repair of the dwelling, or a detached garage while the materials and supplies are stored in a fully enclosed building at the described location or on an adjacent property.
5. A building under construction, alteration, or repair at the described location.
 - a. If the structure is not yet walled or roofed as described in the definition for building (see II.B.6.a.) then coverage applies:

- (1) Only while such work is in progress; or
 - (2) If such work is halted, only for a period of up to 90 continuous days thereafter.
- b. However, coverage does not apply until the building is walled and roofed if the lowest floor, including the basement floor, of a non-elevated building or the lowest elevated floor of an elevated building is:
 - (1) Below the base flood elevation in Zones AH, AE, A1-A30, AR, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/A1-A30, AR/A, AR/AO; or
 - (2) Below the base flood elevation adjusted to include the effect of wave action in Zones VE or V1-V30.
- The lowest floor levels are based on the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member of the floor in Zones VE or V1-V30 and the top of the floor in Zones AH, AE, A1-A30, AR, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/A1-A30, AR/A, AR/AO.
6. A manufactured home or a travel trailer as described in the Definitions section (see II.B.6.b. and II.B.6.c.).

If the manufactured home or travel trailer is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, it must be anchored in the following manner at the time of the loss:

- a. By over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors; or
- b. In accordance with the manufacturer's specifications; or
- c. In compliance with the community's floodplain management requirements unless it has been continuously insured by the NFIP at the same described location since September 30, 1982.

7. The following items of property which are covered under Flood Coverage A only:
- a. Awnings and canopies;
 - b. Blinds;
 - c. Built-in dishwashers;
 - d. Built-in microwave ovens;
 - e. Carpet permanently installed over unfinished flooring;
 - f. Central air conditioners;
 - g. Elevator equipment;
 - h. Fire sprinkler systems;
 - i. Walk-in freezers;
 - j. Furnaces and radiators;
 - k. Garbage disposal units;
 - l. Hot water heaters, including solar water heaters;
 - m. Light fixtures;
 - n. Outdoor antennas and aerials fastened to buildings;
 - o. Permanently installed cupboards, bookcases, cabinets, paneling, and wallpaper;
 - p. Plumbing fixtures;
 - q. Pumps and machinery for operating pumps;
 - r. Ranges, cooking stoves, and ovens;
 - s. Refrigerators; and
 - t. Wall mirrors, permanently installed.

8. Items of property in a building enclosure below the lowest elevated floor of an elevated post-FIRM building located in Zones A1-A30, AE, AH, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/A1-A30, V1-V30, or VE, or in a basement, regardless of the zone. Coverage is limited to the following:

- a. Any of the following items, if installed in their functioning locations and, if necessary for operation, connected to a power source:
 - (1) Central air conditioners;
 - (2) Cisterns and the water in them;
 - (3) Drywall for walls and ceilings in a basement and the cost of labor to nail it, unfinished and unfloated and not taped, to the framing;
 - (4) Electrical junction and circuit breaker boxes;
 - (5) Electrical outlets and switches;
 - (6) Elevators, dumbwaiters, and related equipment, except for related equipment installed below the base flood elevation after September 30, 1987;

- (7) Fuel tanks and the fuel in them;
- (8) Furnaces and hot water heaters;
- (9) Heat pumps;
- (10) Nonflammable insulation in a basement;
- (11) Pumps and tanks used in solar energy systems;
- (12) Stairways and staircases attached to the building, not separated from it by elevated walkways;
- (13) Sump pumps;
- (14) Water softeners and the chemicals in them, water filters, and faucets installed as an integral part of the plumbing system;
- (15) Well water tanks and pumps;
- (16) Required utility connections for any item in this list; and
- (17) Footings, foundations, posts, pilings, piers, or other foundation walls and anchorage systems required to support a building.

- b. Clean-up.

B. FLOOD COVERAGE B – PERSONAL PROPERTY

- 1. If you have purchased personal property coverage, we insure against direct physical loss by or from flood to personal property inside a building at the described location, if:
 - a. The property is owned by you or your household family members; and
 - b. At your option, the property is owned by guests or residence employees.

Personal property is also covered for a period of 45 days at another location as set forth in III.C.2.b., Property Removed to Safety, below.

Personal property in a building that is not fully enclosed must be secured to prevent flotation out of the building. If the personal property does float out during a flood, it will be conclusively presumed that it was not reasonably secured. In that case, there is no coverage for such property.

- 2. Coverage for personal property includes the following property, subject to III.B.1. above, which is covered under Flood Coverage B only:

- a. Air conditioning units, portable or window type;

- b. Carpets, not permanently installed, over unfinished flooring;
 - c. Carpets over finished flooring;
 - d. Clothes washers and dryers;
 - e. Cook-out grills;
 - f. Food freezers, other than walk-in, and food in any freezer; and
 - g. Portable microwave ovens and portable dishwashers.
3. Coverage for items of property in a building enclosure below the lowest elevated floor of an elevated Post-FIRM building located in Zones A1-A30, AE, AH, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/A1-A30, V1-V30, or VE, or in a basement, regardless of the zone, is limited to the following items, if installed in their functioning locations and, if necessary for operation, connected to a power source:
- a. Air conditioning units, portable or window type;
 - b. Clothes washers and dryers; and
 - c. Food freezers, other than walk-in, and food in any freezer.
4. If you are a tenant and have insured personal property under Flood Coverage B in this Flood Coverage Endorsement, we will cover such property, including your cooking stove or range and refrigerator. The Flood Coverage Endorsement will also cover improvements made or acquired solely at your expense in the dwelling or apartment in which you reside, but for not more than 10% of the limit of liability shown for personal property for flood on the Declarations Page. Use of this insurance is at your option but reduces the personal property limit of liability for flood.
5. If you are the owner of a unit and have insured personal property under Flood Coverage B in this Flood Coverage Endorsement, we will also cover your interior walls, floor, and ceiling (not otherwise covered under a flood insurance policy purchased by your condominium association) for not more than 10% of the limit of liability shown for personal property for flood on the Declarations Page. Use of this insurance is at your option but reduces the personal property limit of liability for flood.
6. **Special Limits.** We will pay no more than \$2,500 for any one loss to one or more of the following kinds of personal property:
- a. Artwork, photographs, collectibles, or memorabilia, including but not limited to, porcelain or other figures, and sports cards;
 - b. Rare books or autographed items;
 - c. Jewelry, watches, precious and semi-precious stones, or articles of gold, silver, or platinum;
 - d. Furs or any article containing fur which represents its principal value; or
 - e. Personal property used in any business.
7. We will pay only for the functional value of antiques.
- C. FLOOD COVERAGE C – OTHER COVERAGES**
1. **Debris Removal**
- a. We will pay the expense to remove non-owned debris that is on or in insured property and debris of insured property anywhere.
 - b. If you or a member of your household perform the removal work, the value of your work will be based on the Federal minimum wage.
 - c. This coverage does not increase the Flood Coverage A or Flood Coverage B limit of liability.
2. **Loss Avoidance Measures**
- a. Sandbags, Supplies, and Labor
 - (1) We will pay up to \$1,000 for costs you incur to protect the insured building from a flood or imminent danger of flood, for the following:
 - (a) Your reasonable expenses to buy:
 - i. Sandbags, including sand to fill them;
 - ii. Fill for temporary levees;
 - iii. Pumps; and
 - iv. Plastic sheeting and lumber used in connection with these items.

(b) The value of work, at the Federal minimum wage, that you, or a member of your household, perform.

Any property removed, including a moveable home described in II.6.b. and c., must be placed above ground level or outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area.

(2) This coverage for Sandbags, Supplies, and Labor only applies if damage to the insured property by or from flood is imminent, and the threat of flood damage is apparent enough to lead a person of common prudence to anticipate flood damage. One of the following must also occur:

This coverage does not increase the Flood Coverage A or Flood Coverage B limit of liability.

(a) A general and temporary condition of flooding in the area near the described location must occur, even if the flood does not reach the building; or

(b) A legally authorized official must issue an evacuation order or other civil order for the community in which the building is located calling for measures to preserve life and property from the peril of flood.

3. Condominium Loss Assessments

a. If this Flood Coverage Endorsement insures a unit, we will pay, up to the Flood Coverage A limit of liability listed on the Declarations Page, your share of loss assessments charged against you by the condominium association in accordance with the condominium associations' articles of association, declarations and your deed.

The assessment must be made as a result of direct physical loss by or from flood during the Flood Coverage Endorsement term, to the building's common elements.

b. We will not pay any loss assessment charged against you and the condominium association by any governmental body.

This coverage does not increase the Flood Coverage A or Flood Coverage B limit of liability.

Loss assessment coverage does not increase the Flood Coverage A limit of liability.

b. Property Removed to Safety

(1) We will pay up to \$1,000 for the reasonable expenses you incur to move insured property to a place other than the described location that contains the property in order to protect it from flood or the imminent danger of flood.

D. FLOOD COVERAGE D – INCREASED COST OF COMPLIANCE

1. General

Reasonable expenses include the value of work, at the Federal minimum wage, you or a member of your household perform.

This Flood Coverage Endorsement pays you to comply with a State or local floodplain management law or ordinance affecting repair or reconstruction of a structure suffering flood damage. Compliance activities eligible for payment are: elevation, floodproofing, relocation, or demolition (or any combination of these activities) of your structure. Eligible floodproofing activities are limited to:

(2) If you move insured property to a location other than the described location that contains the property, in order to protect it from flood or the imminent danger of flood, we will cover such property while at that location for a period of 45 consecutive days from the date you begin to move it there. The personal property that is moved must be placed in a fully enclosed building or otherwise reasonably protected from the elements.

- a. Non-residential structures.
- b. Residential structures with basements that satisfy Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) standards published in the Code of Federal Regulations [44 CFR 60.6 (b) or (c)].

2. Limit of Liability

We will pay you up to \$30,000 under this Flood Coverage D – Increased Cost of Compliance, which only applies to policies with building coverage (Flood Coverage A). Our payment of claims under Flood Coverage D is in addition to the amount of coverage which you selected on the Application and which appears on the Declarations Page for the limit of liability listed for Flood Coverage A. We do not charge a separate deductible for a claim under Flood Coverage D.

3. Eligibility

a. A structure covered under Flood Coverage A – Building Property sustaining a loss caused by a flood as defined by this Flood Coverage Endorsement must:

(1) Be a repetitive loss structure. A repetitive loss structure is one that meets the following conditions:

(a) The structure is covered by a Flood Coverage Endorsement issued by us.

(b) The structure has suffered flood damage on two occasions during a 10-year period, which ends on the date of the second loss.

(c) The cost to repair the flood damage, on average, equaled or exceeded 25% of the market value of the structure at the time of each flood loss.

(d) In addition to the current claim, we must have paid the previous qualifying claim, and the State or community must have a cumulative, substantial damage provision or repetitive loss provision in its floodplain management law or ordinance being enforced against the structure; or

(2) Be a structure that has had flood damage in which the cost to repair equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure at the time of the flood. The State or community must have a substantial damage provision in its floodplain management law

or ordinance being enforced against the structure.

b. This Flood Coverage D pays you to comply with State or local floodplain management laws or ordinances that meet the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 44 CFR 60.3. We pay for compliance activities that exceed those standards under these conditions:

(1) D.3.a.(1) above.

(2) Elevation or floodproofing in any risk zone to preliminary or advisory base flood elevations provided by FEMA which the State or local government has adopted and is enforcing for flood damaged structures in such areas. (This includes compliance activities in B, C, X, or D zones which are being changed to zones with base flood elevations. This also includes compliance activities in zones where base flood elevations are being increased, and a flood damaged structure must comply with the higher advisory base flood elevation.) Increased Cost of Compliance coverage does not apply to situations in B, C, X, or D zones where the community has derived its own elevations and is enforcing elevation or floodproofing requirements for flood damaged structures to elevations derived solely by the community.

(3) Elevation or floodproofing above the base flood elevation to meet State or local freeboard requirements, i.e., that a structure must be elevated above the base flood elevation.

c. Under the minimum NFIP criteria at 44 CFR 60.3 (b)(4), States and communities must require the elevation or floodproofing of structures in unnumbered A zones to the base flood elevation where elevation data is obtained from a Federal, State, or other source. Such compliance activities are also eligible for Flood Coverage D.

d. This coverage will also pay for the incremental cost, after demolition or relocation, of elevating or floodproofing a structure during its rebuilding at the same or another site to meet State or local floodplain management laws or ordinances, subject to Exclusion D.5.g. below.

- e. This coverage will also pay to bring a flood-damaged structure into compliance with State or local floodplain management laws or ordinances, even if the structure had received a variance before the present loss from the applicable floodplain management requirements.

4. Conditions

- a. When a structure covered under Flood Coverage A – Building Property sustains a loss caused by a flood, our payment for the loss under this Flood Coverage D will be for the increased cost to elevate, floodproof, relocate, or demolish (or any combination of these activities) caused by the enforcement of current State or local floodplain management ordinances or laws. Our payment for eligible demolition activities will be for the cost to demolish and clear the site of the building debris or a portion thereof caused by the enforcement of current State or local floodplain management ordinances or laws. Eligible activities for the cost of clearing the site will include those necessary to discontinue utility service to the site and ensure proper abandonment of on-site utilities.
- b. When the building is repaired or rebuilt, it must be intended for the same occupancy as the present building unless otherwise required by current floodplain management ordinances or laws.

5. Exclusions

Under this Flood Coverage D (Increased Cost of Compliance) we will not pay for:

- a. The cost to comply with any floodplain management law or ordinance in communities participating in the “Emergency Program.”
- b. The cost associated with enforcement of any ordinance or law that requires any insured or others to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize, or in any way respond to, or assess the effects of pollutants.

- c. The loss in value to any insured building or other structure due to the requirements of any ordinance or law.
- d. The loss in residual value of the undamaged portion of a building demolished as a consequence of enforcement of any State or local floodplain management law or ordinance.
- e. Any Increased Cost of Compliance under this Flood Coverage D:
 - (1) Until the building is elevated, floodproofed, demolished, or relocated on the same or to another premises; and
 - (2) Unless the building is elevated, floodproofed, demolished, or relocated as soon as reasonably possible after the loss, not to exceed two years.
- f. Any code upgrade requirements, e.g., plumbing or electrical wiring, not specifically related to the State or local floodplain management law or ordinance.
- g. Any compliance activities needed to bring additions or improvements made after the loss occurred into compliance with State or local floodplain management laws or ordinances.
- h. Loss due to any ordinance or law that you were required to comply with before the current loss.
- i. Any rebuilding activity to standards that do not meet the NFIP’s minimum requirements. This includes any situation where the insured has received from the State or community a variance in connection with the current flood loss to rebuild the property to an elevation below the base flood elevation.
- j. Increased Cost of Compliance for a garage or carport.
- k. Any structure insured under a NFIP Group Flood Insurance Policy.
- l. Assessments made by a condominium association on individual condominium unit owners to pay increased costs of repairing commonly owned buildings after a flood in

compliance with State or local floodplain management ordinances or laws.

whether coverage meets the 80% insurance-to-value requirement for replacement cost coverage as set forth in VII. General Conditions, U. Loss Settlement.

6. Other Provisions

a. Increased Cost of Compliance coverage will not be included in the calculation to determine

b. All other conditions and provisions of the Flood Coverage Endorsement apply.

IV. PROPERTY NOT COVERED

We do not cover any of the following:

- 1. Personal property not inside a building;
- 2. A building, and personal property in it, located entirely in, on, or over water or seaward of mean high tide if it was constructed or substantially improved after September 30, 1982;
- 3. Open structures, including a building used as a boathouse or any structure or building into which boats are floated, and personal property located in, on, or over water;
- 4. Recreational vehicles other than travel trailers described in the Definitions section (see II.B.6.c.) whether affixed to a permanent foundation or on wheels;
- 5. Self-propelled vehicles or machines, including their parts and equipment. However, we do cover self-propelled vehicles or machines not licensed for use on public roads that are:
 - a. Used mainly to service the described location, or
 - b. Designed and used to assist handicapped persons, while the vehicles or machines are inside a building at the described location;
- 6. Land, land values, lawns, trees, shrubs, plants, growing crops, or animals;
- 7. Accounts, bills, coins, currency, deeds, evidences of debt, medals, money, scrip, stored value cards,
- 8. Underground structures and equipment, including, wells, septic tanks, and septic systems;
- 9. Those portions of walks, walkways, decks, driveways, patios and other surfaces, all whether protected by a roof or not, located outside the perimeter, exterior walls of the insured building or the building in which the insured unit is located;
- 10. Containers, including related equipment, such as, but not limited to, tanks containing gases or liquids;
- 11. Buildings or units and all their contents if more than 49% of the actual cash value of the building is below ground, unless the lowest level is at or above the base flood elevation and is below ground by reason of earth having been used as insulation material in conjunction with energy efficient building techniques;
- 12. Fences, retaining walls, seawalls, bulkheads, wharves, piers, bridges, and docks;
- 13. Aircraft or watercraft, or their furnishings and equipment;
- 14. Hot tubs and spas that are not bathroom fixtures, and swimming pools, and their equipment such as, but not limited to, heaters, filters, pumps, and pipes, wherever located;
- 15. Property not eligible for flood insurance pursuant to the provisions of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act and the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act and amendments to these acts.

V. EXCLUSIONS

- A. We only pay for direct physical loss by or from flood, which means that we do not pay you for:
1. Loss of revenue or profits;
 2. Loss of access to the insured property or described location;
 3. Loss of use of the insured property or described location;
 4. Loss from interruption of business or production;
 5. Any additional living expenses incurred while the insured building is being repaired or is unable to be occupied for any reason;
 6. The cost of complying with any ordinance or law requiring or regulating the construction, demolition, remodeling, renovation, or repair of property, including removal of any resulting debris. This exclusion does not apply to any eligible activities we describe in Flood Coverage D – Increased Cost of Compliance; or
 7. Any other economic loss you suffer.
- B. We do not insure a loss directly or indirectly caused by a flood that is already in progress at the time and date:
1. This Flood Coverage Endorsement term begins; or
 2. Coverage is added at your request.
- C. We do not insure for loss to property caused directly by earth movement even if the earth movement is caused by flood. Some examples of earth movement that we do not cover are:
1. Earthquake;
 2. Landslide;
 3. Land subsidence;
 4. Sinkholes;
5. Destabilization or movement of land that results from accumulation of water in subsurface land area; or
 6. Gradual erosion.
- We do, however, pay for losses from mudflow and land subsidence as a result of erosion that are specifically covered under our definition of flood (see II.A.1.c. and II.A.2.).
- D. We do not insure for direct physical loss caused directly or indirectly by any of the following:
1. The pressure or weight of ice;
 2. Freezing or thawing;
 3. Rain, snow, sleet, hail, or water spray;
 4. Water, moisture, mildew, or mold damage that results primarily from any condition:
 - a. Substantially confined to the dwelling; or
 - b. That is within your control, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Design, structural, or mechanical defects;
 - (2) Failure, stoppage, or breakage of water or sewer lines, drains, pumps, fixtures, or equipment; or
 - (3) Failure to inspect and maintain the property after a flood recedes;
 5. Water or waterborne material that:
 - a. Backs up through sewers or drains;
 - b. Discharges or overflows from a sump, sump pump, or related equipment; or

c. Seeps or leaks on or through the covered property;

unless there is a flood in the area and the flood is the proximate cause of the sewer or drain backup, sump pump discharge or overflow, or seepage of water;

- 6. The pressure or weight of water unless there is a flood in the area and the flood is the proximate cause of the damage from the pressure or weight of water;
- 7. Power, heating, or cooling failure unless the failure results from direct physical loss by or from flood to power, heating, or cooling equipment on the described location;
- 8. Theft, fire, explosion, wind, or windstorm;

9. Anything you or any member of your household do or conspires to do to deliberately cause loss by flood; or

10. Alteration of the insured property that significantly increases the risk of flooding.

E. We do not insure for loss to any building or personal property located on land leased from the Federal Government, arising from or incident to the flooding of the land by the Federal Government, where the lease expressly holds the Federal Government harmless under flood insurance issued under any Federal Government program.

F. We do not pay for the testing or monitoring of pollutants, unless required by law or ordinance.

VI. DEDUCTIBLES

A. When a loss is covered under this Flood Coverage Endorsement, we will pay only that part of the loss that exceeds your deductible amount, subject to the flood limit of liability that applies. The deductible amount is shown on the Declarations Page.

However, when a building under construction, alteration, or repair does not have at least two rigid exterior walls and a fully secured roof at the time of loss, your deductible will be two times the deductible that would otherwise apply to a completed building.

B. In each loss from flood, separate deductibles apply to the building and personal property insured by this Flood Coverage Endorsement.

C. The deductible does not apply to:

- 1. III.C.2. Loss Avoidance Measures;
- 2. III.C.3. Condominium Loss Assessments; or
- 3. III.D. Increased Cost of Compliance.

VII. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Pair and Set Clause

In case of loss to an article that is part of a pair or set, we will have the option of paying you:

- 1. An amount equal to the cost of replacing the lost, damaged, or destroyed article, minus its depreciation; or
- 2. The amount that represents the fair proportion of the total value of the pair or set that the lost, damaged, or destroyed article bears to the pair or set.

B. Concealment or Fraud and Endorsement Voidance

1. With respect to all insureds under this Flood Coverage Endorsement and to the extent permitted by Texas Insurance Code sections 705.003 and 705.004, this Flood Coverage Endorsement:

- a. Is void;
- b. Has no legal force or effect;
- c. Cannot be renewed; and

d. Cannot be replaced by a new Flood Coverage Endorsement, if, before or after a loss, you or any other insured have at any time:

- (1) Intentionally concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstance;
- (2) Engaged in fraudulent conduct; or
- (3) Made material false statements relating to this Flood Coverage Endorsement, or your wind only dwelling policy to which it is attached.

2. This Flood Coverage Endorsement will be void as of the date wrongful acts described in VII.B.1. above were committed.
3. Fines, civil penalties, and imprisonment under applicable Texas law may also apply to the acts of fraud or concealment described above.
4. If the Flood Coverage Endorsement has been in effect for more than 90 days, we may not terminate the Flood Coverage Endorsement on the basis of credit information available in public records.

C. Other Insurance

1. If the Declarations Page shows that the insured property is also covered under a flood insurance primary policy, then we will pay only for the amount of loss in excess of the limit that is insured under that flood insurance primary policy. This provision applies whether or not the flood insurance primary limit shown on the Declarations Page was obtained or maintained, and whether or not you can collect on the flood insurance primary policy. We will not, under any circumstances, pay more than the applicable flood limit of insurance shown on the Declarations Page.

However, this provision VII.C.1. does not apply if a flood insurance primary policy is not in effect because we have agreed to write this Flood Coverage Endorsement without an underlying flood insurance primary policy. There is such an

agreement only if the Declarations Page shows no limit for a flood insurance primary policy.

2. If there is other insurance covering a loss to the insured property, other than that described in VII.C.1. above, we will pay our share of the loss. Our share is the proportion that the applicable Limit of Insurance under this Flood Coverage Endorsement bears to the total of the applicable Limits of Insurance under all insurance covering the loss. But we will not under any circumstances pay more than the applicable Limit of Insurance stated in the Declarations Page.
3. If the other policy has a provision stating that it is excess insurance, this policy will be primary.
4. If there is other insurance in the name of your condominium association covering the same property covered by this Flood Coverage Endorsement, then this Flood Coverage Endorsement will be in excess over such other insurance.

D. Amendments, Waivers, Assignment

This Flood Coverage Endorsement cannot be changed nor can any of its provisions be waived without the express written consent of us. No action we take under the terms of this Flood Coverage Endorsement constitutes a waiver of any of our rights. Assignment of this Flood Coverage Endorsement will not be valid unless we give our written consent.

E. Cancellation of this Flood Coverage Endorsement by You

1. You may cancel this Flood Coverage Endorsement at any time by giving us advance written notice of a future cancellation effective date.
2. If this Flood Coverage Endorsement is cancelled by you, or the amount of insurance is reduced at your request, the amount of premium we return for the period from the date of cancellation to the expiration date will be returned on a pro rata basis.
3. We will refund any return premium within 15 business days, either after the date cancellation

takes effect, or after our receipt of your request to cancel the Flood Coverage Endorsement, whichever is later. Proof of mailing will be sufficient proof of notice.

F. Cancellation of this Flood Coverage Endorsement by Us

1. We may cancel this Flood Coverage Endorsement for the reasons stated in this condition by mailing you notice in writing of the date cancellation takes effect. The effective date of cancellation cannot be before the 44th day after we mail the notice. Our notice of cancellation will state the reason for cancellation. We will send you any refund due within 15 business days of the effective date of cancellation.

2. If this Flood Coverage Endorsement has been in effect less than 60 days and is not a renewal endorsement, we may cancel this Flood Coverage Endorsement if we identify a condition that:

- a. creates an increased risk of hazard;
- b. was not disclosed in the application for insurance coverage; and
- c. is not the subject of a prior claim; or

we may cancel before the effective date of the Flood Coverage Endorsement, if we do not accept a copy of a required inspection report that:

- a. was completed by an inspector who is licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission or who is otherwise authorized to perform inspections; and
- b. is dated not earlier than the 90th day before the effective date of the Flood Coverage Endorsement.

3. If this Flood Coverage Endorsement has been in effect for 60 days or more, or at any time if it is a renewal endorsement, we may not cancel this Flood Coverage Endorsement unless:

- a. You do not pay any portion of the premium when due.
- b. The Texas Department of Insurance determines that continuation of the Flood Coverage Endorsement would violate the Texas Insurance Code or any other laws governing the business of insurance in this state.
- c. You submit a fraudulent claim.
- d. There is an increase in the hazard covered by the Flood Coverage Endorsement that is within your control and that would produce an increase in the premium rate of the Flood Coverage Endorsement.

4. We may not cancel solely because you are an elected official.

5. If we decide to cancel your wind only dwelling policy to which this Flood Coverage Endorsement is attached, the coverage provided by this Flood Coverage Endorsement will continue in effect for a period which is the lesser of 45 days after we provide written notification to the insured and mortgagee of the cancellation, or the number of days until replacement coverage is attained. For this period, and solely for the purpose of providing coverage under this Flood Coverage Endorsement, the provisions of this endorsement shall survive the termination of the wind only dwelling policy to which this Flood Coverage Endorsement is attached.

G. Reduction and Reformation of Coverage

1. If the premium we received from you was not enough to buy the kind and amount of coverage you requested, we will provide only the amount of coverage that can be purchased for the premium payment we received.

2. This Flood Coverage Endorsement can be reformed to increase the amount of coverage resulting from the reduction described in VII.G.1. above to the amount you requested as follows:

- a. Discovery of Insufficient Premium or Incomplete Rating Information Before a Loss:
- (1) If we discover before you have a flood loss that your premium payment was not enough to buy the requested amount of coverage, we will send you and any mortgagee or trustee known to us a bill for the required additional premium for the current Flood Coverage Endorsement term (or that portion of the current Flood Coverage Endorsement term following an endorsement changing the amount of coverage). If you or the mortgagee or trustee pay the additional premium within 30 days from the date of our bill, we will reform the Flood Coverage Endorsement to increase the amount of coverage to the originally requested amount effective to the beginning of the current Flood Coverage Endorsement term (or subsequent date of any endorsement changing the amount of coverage).
 - (2) If we determine before you have a flood loss that the rating information we have is incomplete and prevents us from calculating the additional premium, we will ask you to send the required information. You must submit the information within 60 days of our request. Once we determine the amount of additional premium for the current Flood Coverage Endorsement term, we will follow the procedure in VII.G.2.a.(1) above.
 - (3) If we do not receive the additional premium (or additional information) by the date it is due, the amount of coverage can only be increased by endorsement subject to any appropriate waiting period.
- b. Discovery of Insufficient Premium or Incomplete Rating Information After a Loss:
- (1) If we discover after you have a flood loss that your premium payment was not enough to buy the requested amount of coverage, we will send you and any mortgagee or trustee known to us a bill for the required additional premium for the current and the prior Flood Coverage Endorsement terms. If you or the mortgagee or trustee pay the additional premium within 30 days of the date of our bill, we will reform the Flood Coverage Endorsement to increase the amount of coverage to the originally requested amount effective to the beginning of the prior Flood Coverage Endorsement term.
 - (2) If we discover after you have a flood loss that the rating information we have is incomplete and prevents us from calculating the additional premium, we will ask you to send the required information. You must submit the information before your claim can be paid. Once we determine the amount of additional premium for the current and prior Flood Coverage Endorsement terms, we will follow the procedure in VII.G.2.b.(1) above.
 - (3) If we do not receive the additional premium by the date it is due, your flood insurance claim will be settled based on the reduced amount of coverage. The amount of coverage can only be increased by endorsement subject to any appropriate waiting period.
3. However, if we find that you intentionally did not tell us, or falsified, any important fact or circumstance or did anything fraudulent relating to this insurance, the provisions of Condition VII.B. Concealment or Fraud and Endorsement Voidance apply.
- H. Flood Coverage Endorsement Renewal and Nonrenewal**
1. This Flood Coverage Endorsement will expire at 12:01 a.m. on the last day of the Flood Coverage Endorsement term.
 2. We must receive the payment of the appropriate renewal premium within 30 days of the expiration date.
 3. If we find, however, that we did not place your renewal notice in the U.S. Postal Service, or if

we did mail it, we made a mistake, e.g., we used an incorrect, incomplete, or illegible address, which delayed its delivery to you before the due date for the renewal premium, then we will follow these procedures:

- a. If you or your agent notified us, not later than 1 year after the date on which the payment of the renewal premium was due, of non-receipt of a renewal notice before the due date for the renewal premium, and we determine that the circumstances in the preceding paragraph VII.H.3. apply, we will mail a second bill providing a revised due date, which will be 45 days after the date on which the bill is mailed.
 - b. If we do not receive the premium requested in the second bill by the revised due date, then we will not renew the Flood Coverage Endorsement. In that case, the Flood Coverage Endorsement will remain expired as of the expiration date shown on the Declarations Page.
4. In connection with the renewal of this Flood Coverage Endorsement, we may ask you during the Flood Coverage Endorsement term to recertify, on a Recertification Questionnaire we will provide to you, the rating information used to rate your most recent application for or renewal of insurance.
 5. We may not refuse to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement because of claims for losses resulting from natural causes.
 6. We may not refuse to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement because you are an elected official.
 7. We may refuse to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement if you have filed three or more claims under the Flood Coverage Endorsement in any three-year period that do not result from natural causes.

If you have filed two claims in a period of less than three years, we may notify you in writing that if you file a third claim during the three-year period, we may refuse to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement by providing you proper notice of our refusal to renew as provided in 8.

below. If we do not notify you after the second claim, we may not refuse to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement because of losses.

A claim does not include a claim that is filed but is not paid or payable under the Flood Coverage Endorsement.

8. If we refuse to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement or offer to renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement with changes, we must mail to you at your mailing address shown on the Declarations page and any mortgagee named on the Declarations page, written notice of our refusal to renew or renewal with changes not later than the 45th day before the date on which this Flood Coverage Endorsement expires. The notice will include the reason for the nonrenewal. Proof of mailing will be sufficient proof of notice. If we fail to give you proper notice of our decision not to renew or renewal with changes, you may require us to renew the Flood Coverage Endorsement on the expiration of the Flood Coverage Endorsement.

I. Conditions Suspending or Restricting Flood Insurance

We are not liable for flood loss that occurs while there is a flood hazard that is increased by any means within your control or knowledge.

J. Requirements in Case of Loss

In case of a flood loss to insured property, you must:

1. Give prompt written notice to us;
2. As soon as reasonably possible, separate the damaged and undamaged property, putting it in the best possible order so that we may examine it;
3. Prepare an inventory of damaged property showing the quantity, description, actual cash value, and amount of loss. Attach all bills, receipts, and related documents;
4. Within 91 days after the loss, send us a proof of loss, which is your statement of the amount you

are claiming under the Flood Coverage Endorsement signed and sworn to by you, and which furnishes us with the following information:

- a. The date and time of loss;
 - b. A brief explanation of how the loss happened;
 - c. Your interest (for example, "owner") and the interest, if any, of others in the damaged property;
 - d. Details of any other insurance that may cover the loss;
 - e. Changes in title or occupancy of the covered property during the term of the policy;
 - f. Specifications of damaged buildings and detailed repair estimates;
 - g. Names of mortgagees or anyone else having a lien, charge, or claim against the insured property;
 - h. Details about who occupied any insured building at the time of loss and for what purpose; and
 - i. The inventory of damaged personal property described in VII.J.3. above.
5. In completing the proof of loss, you must use your own judgement concerning the amount of loss and justify that amount.
 6. You must cooperate with us or our representative in the investigation of the claim.
 7. The insurance adjuster whom we hire to investigate your claim may furnish you with a proof of loss form, and she or he may help you complete it. However, this is a matter of courtesy only, and you must still send us a proof of loss within ninety-one (91) days after the loss even if the adjuster does not furnish the form or help you complete it.

8. We have not authorized the adjuster to approve or disapprove claims or to tell you whether we will approve your claim.

9. At our option, we may accept the adjuster's report of the loss instead of your proof of loss. The adjuster's report will include information about your loss and the damages you sustained. You must sign the adjuster's report. At our option, we may require you to swear to the report.

K. Our Options After a Loss

Options we may, in our sole discretion, exercise after loss include the following:

1. At such reasonable times and places that we may designate, you must:
 - a. Show us or our representative the damaged property;
 - b. Submit to examination under oath, while not in the presence of another insured, and sign the same. Additionally, if the insured being examined under oath is a minor, a parent or a guardian may be present; and
 - c. Permit us to examine and make extracts and copies of:
 - (1) Any policies of property insurance insuring you against loss and the deed establishing your ownership of the insured real property;
 - (2) Condominium association documents including the Declarations of the condominium, its Articles of Association or Incorporation, Bylaws, rules and regulations, and other relevant documents if you are a unit owner in a condominium building; and
 - (3) All books or accounts, bills, invoices, and other vouchers, or certified copies pertaining to the damaged property if the originals are lost.

- 2. We may request, in writing, that you furnish us with a complete inventory of the lost, damaged, or destroyed property, including:
 - a. Quantities and costs;
 - b. Actual cash values or replacement cost (whichever is appropriate);
 - c. Amounts of loss claims;
 - d. Any written plans and specifications for repair of the damaged property that you can reasonably make available to us; and
 - e. Evidence that prior flood damage has been repaired.
- 3. If we give you written notice within 30 days after we receive your signed, sworn proof of loss, we may:
 - a. Repair, rebuild, or replace any part of the lost, damaged, or destroyed property with material or property of like kind and quality or its functional equivalent; and
 - b. Take all or any part of the damaged property at the value that we agree upon or its appraised value.

- b. There is an entry of a final judgement; or
- c. There is a filing of an appraisal award with us.

N. Abandonment

You may not abandon to us damaged or undamaged property insured under this Flood Coverage Endorsement.

O. Salvage

We may permit you to keep damaged property insured under this Flood Coverage Endorsement after a loss, and we will reduce the amount of the loss proceeds payable to you under the Flood Coverage Endorsement by the value of the salvage.

P. Appraisal

1. If you and we fail to agree on the amount of loss, either may demand an appraisal of the loss. In this event, each party will choose a competent and impartial appraiser within 20 days after receiving a written request from the other. The two appraisers will choose an umpire. If they cannot agree upon an umpire within 15 days, you or we may request that the choice be made by a judge of a district court of a judicial district where the loss occurred.

2. The two appraisers will then determine the amount of loss, stating separately for the portion of the claim for which we have accepted coverage in full or in part:

- a. The actual cash value of the damaged property at the time of loss, determined with proper deduction for depreciation; and
- b. The cost to repair or replace the damaged property with material of like kind and quality.

3. If you or we request that they do so, the appraisers will also determine the full replacement cost of the building at the time of loss for purposes of the Loss Settlement condition.

L. No Benefit to Bailee

No person or organization other than you, having custody of covered property will benefit from this insurance.

M. Loss Payment

1. We will adjust all losses with you. We will pay you unless some other person or entity is named in the Flood Coverage Endorsement or is legally entitled to receive payment. Any loss payment will be paid to you and them, as each interest appears.

Loss will be paid five (5) business days after we receive your proof of loss and:

- a. Reach written agreement with you; or

- 4. If you or we request that they do so, the appraisers will also determine the amount that you necessarily spent to repair or replace the damaged property.
- 5. If you or we request that they do so, the appraisers will also determine the amount of loss for any extensions of coverage for which we have accepted coverage in full or in part.
- 6. If the appraisers fail to agree, they will submit their differences to the umpire. An itemized decision agreed to by any two of these three and filed with us will determine the amount of the loss.
- 7. You and we are responsible in equal shares for paying the costs incurred or charged in connection with the appraisal, including expenses of the appraisers and umpire. If we pay more than our share of the costs of appraisal, our liability and payment for covered losses shall be reduced by the amount we pay in excess of our share.

- 3. Submits a signed, sworn proof of loss within 91 days after receiving notice from us of your failure to do so.

All of the terms of this Flood Coverage Endorsement apply to the mortgagee.

The mortgagee has the right to receive loss payment even if the mortgagee has started foreclosure or similar action on the building.

If we decide to cancel or not renew this Flood Coverage Endorsement, it will continue in effect for the benefit of the mortgagee only for 45 days after we notify the mortgagee of the cancellation or nonrenewal.

If we pay the mortgagee for any loss and deny payment to you, we are subrogated to all the rights of the mortgagee granted under the mortgage on the property. Subrogation will not impair the right of the mortgagee to recover the full amount of the mortgagee's claim.

Q. Mortgage Clause

The word "mortgagee" includes trustee and lienholder.

Any loss payable under Flood Coverage A – Building Property will be paid to any mortgagee of whom we have actual notice, as well as any other mortgagee or loss payee determined to exist at the time of loss, and you, as interests appear. If more than one mortgagee is named, the order of payment will be the same as the order of precedence of the mortgages.

If we deny your claim, that denial will not apply to a valid claim of the mortgagee, if the mortgagee:

- 1. Notifies us of any change in the ownership or occupancy or substantial change in risk of which the mortgagee is aware;
- 2. Pays any premium due under the Flood Coverage Endorsement on demand if you have neglected to pay the premium; and

R. Suit Against Us

You may not sue us to recover money under this Flood Coverage Endorsement unless you have complied with all the requirements of the Flood Coverage Endorsement and your wind only dwelling policy to which it is attached. If you do sue, you must file the suit within the later of two (2) years and one (1) day after the date of the written denial of all or part of the claim under this Flood Coverage Endorsement, or five (5) years after the date of loss. This requirement applies to any claim that you may have under this Flood Coverage Endorsement and to any dispute that you may have arising out of the handling of any claim under this Flood Coverage Endorsement.

S. Subrogation

Whenever we make a payment for a loss under this Flood Coverage Endorsement, we are subrogated to your right to recover for that loss from any other person. That means that your right to recover for a loss that was partly or totally caused by someone else is automatically transferred to us, to the extent that we have paid you for the loss. We may require you to acknowledge this transfer in writing. After the loss, you may not give up our right to recover this money or do anything that would prevent us from

recovering it. If you make any claim against any person who caused your loss and recover any money, you must pay us back first before you may keep any of that money.

T. Continuous Lake Flooding

1. If your insured building has been flooded by rising lake waters continuously for 90 days or more and it appears reasonably certain that a continuation of this flooding will result in a covered loss to the insured building equal to or greater than the building Flood Coverage Endorsement limits plus the deductible or the maximum payable under the Flood Coverage Endorsement for any one building loss, we will pay you the lesser of these two amounts without waiting for the further damage to occur if you sign a release agreeing:

- a. To make no further claim under this Flood Coverage Endorsement;
- b. Not to seek renewal of this Flood Coverage Endorsement;
- c. Not to apply for any flood insurance under the Act for property at the described location; and
- d. Not to seek a premium refund for current or prior terms.

If this Flood Coverage Endorsement term ends before the insured building has been flooded continuously for 90 days, the provisions of this Paragraph VII.T.1. will apply when the insured building suffers a covered loss before the Flood Coverage Endorsement term ends.

2. If your insured building is subject to continuous lake flooding from a closed basin lake, you may elect to file a claim under either Paragraph VII.T.1. above or VII.T.2. (A "closed basin lake" is a natural lake from which water leaves primarily through evaporation and whose surface area now exceeds or has exceeded 1 square mile at any time in the recorded past. Most of the nation's closed basin lakes are in the western half of the United States, where annual evaporation exceeds annual precipitation and where lake levels and surface areas are subject to considerable fluctuation due to wide

variations in the climate. These lakes may overtop their basins on rare occasions). Under this Paragraph VII.T.2. we will pay your claim as if the building is a total loss even though it has not been continuously inundated for 90 days, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Lake flood waters must damage or imminently threaten to damage your building.
- b. Before approval of your claim, you must:
 - (1) Agree to a claim payment that reflects your buying back the salvage on a negotiated basis; and
 - (2) Grant the conservation easement described in "FEMA's Policy Guidance for Closed Basin Lakes," to be recorded in the office of the local recorder of deeds. FEMA, in consultation with the community in which the property is located, will identify on a map an area or areas of special consideration (ASC) in which there is a potential for flood damage from continuous lake flooding. FEMA will give the community the agreed-upon map showing the ASC. This easement will only apply to that portion of the property in the ASC. It will allow certain agricultural and recreational uses of the land. The only structures it will allow on any portion of the property within the ASC are certain simple agricultural and recreational structures. If any of these allowable structures are insurable buildings under the NFIP and are insured under the NFIP, they will not be eligible for the benefits of this Paragraph VII.T.2. If a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers certified flood control project or otherwise certified flood control project later protects the property, FEMA will, upon request, amend the ASC to remove areas protected by those projects. The restrictions of the easement will then no longer apply to any portion of the property removed from the ASC; and
 - (3) Comply with Paragraphs VII.T.1.a. through VII.T.1.d. above.

- c. Within 90 days of approval of your claim, you must move your building to a new location outside the ASC. FEMA will give you an additional 30 days to move if you show there is sufficient reason to extend the time.
- d. Before the final payment of your claim, you must acquire an elevation certificate and a floodplain development permit from the local floodplain administrator for the new location of your building.
- e. Before the approval of your claim, the community having jurisdiction over your building must:
 - (1) Adopt a permanent land use ordinance or a temporary moratorium, for a period not to exceed 6 months, to be followed immediately by a permanent land use ordinance that is consistent with the provisions specified in the easement required in paragraph VII.T.2.b. above.
 - (2) Agree to declare and report any violations of this ordinance to FEMA so that under Section 1316 of the Act, as amended, flood insurance to the building can be denied; and
 - (3) Agree to maintain as deed-restricted, for purposes compatible with open space or agricultural or recreational use only, any affected property the community acquires an interest in. These deed restrictions must be consistent with the provisions of paragraph VII.T.2.b. above, except that, even if a certified project protects the property, the land use restrictions continue to apply if the property was acquired under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program or the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. If a non-profit land trust organization receives the property as a donation, that organization must maintain the property as deed-restricted, consistent with the provisions of paragraph VII.T.2.b. above.
- f. Before the approval of your claim, the affected State must take all action set forth in "FEMA's Policy Guidance for Closed Basin Lakes."
- g. You must have flood insurance coverage continuously in effect from a date established by FEMA until you file a claim under paragraph VII.T.2. If a subsequent owner buys flood insurance that goes into effect within 60 days of the date of transfer of title, any gap in coverage during that 60-day period will not be a violation of this continuous coverage requirement. For the purpose of honoring a claim under this paragraph VII.T.2., we will not consider to be in effect any increased coverage that became effective after the date established by FEMA. The exception to this is any increased coverage in the amount suggested by us as an inflation adjustment.
- h. This paragraph VII.T.2. will be in effect for a community when the FEMA Regional Administrator for the affected region provides to the community, in writing, the following:
 - (1) Confirmation that the community and the State are in compliance with the conditions in paragraphs VII.T.2.e. and VII.T.2.f. above; and
 - (2) The date by which you must have flood insurance in effect.

U. Loss Settlement

Covered property losses are settled as follows:

1. Property of the following types:
 - a. Personal Property;
 - b. Carpeting, household appliances and outdoor equipment, whether or not attached to buildings;
 - c. Structures that are not buildings; and
 - d. Grave markers, including mausoleums;

at actual cash value at the time of loss but not more than the amount required to repair or replace.
2. Buildings covered under Flood Coverage A – Building Property at replacement cost without deduction for depreciation, subject to the following

a. If, at the time of loss, the amount of insurance in this policy on the damaged building is 80% or more of the full replacement cost of the building immediately before the loss, we will pay the cost to repair or replace, after application of any deductible and without deduction for depreciation, but not more than the least of the following amounts:

- (1) The building limit of liability shown on the Declarations Page;
- (2) The replacement cost of that part of the dwelling damaged, with materials of like kind and quality and for like use; or
- (3) The necessary amount to repair or replace the damaged part of the dwelling for like use.

If the building is rebuilt at a new premises, the cost described in (2) above is limited to the cost which would have been incurred if the building had been built at the original premises.

b. If, at the time of loss, the amount of insurance in this policy on the damaged building is less than 80% of the full replacement cost of the building immediately before the loss, we will pay the greater of the following amounts, but not more than the limit of liability under this policy that applies to the building:

- (1) The actual cash value of that part of the building damaged; or
- (2) That proportion of the cost to repair or replace, after application of any deductible and without deduction for depreciation, that part of the building damaged, which the total amount of insurance in this policy on the damaged building bears to 80% of the replacement cost of the building.

c. To determine the amount of insurance required to equal 80% of the full replacement cost of the building immediately before the loss, do not include the value of:

- (1) Excavations, footings, foundations, piers, or any other structures or devices that support all or part of the building, which are below the undersurface of the lowest basement floor;
- (2) Those supports described in (1) above which are below the surface of the ground inside the foundation walls, if there is no basement;
- (3) Underground flues, pipes, wiring and drains; and
- (4) Structures and other property excluded or not covered elsewhere in your policy.

NOTE: The Flood Coverage D – Increased Cost of Compliance limit of liability is not included in the determination of the amount of insurance required.

d. We will initially pay at least the actual cash value of the insured loss, less any applicable deductible. We will then pay any remaining amounts necessary to perform such repairs as work is performed and expenses are incurred, subject to VII.U.2.a. and VII.U.2.b. above.

3. **Limit of Liability.** The maximum amount of recovery for any loss, whether caused by wind, hail, flood or any combination of the aforementioned shall not exceed the total limit of liability as shown on the Declarations Page.

V. Residential Community Property

This Flood Coverage Endorsement, subject to all other terms and conditions, when covering residential community property, as defined by state law, shall remain in full force and effect as to the interest of each spouse covered, irrespective of divorce or change of ownership between the spouses until the expiration of the endorsement or until canceled in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Flood Coverage Endorsement.

VIII. LIBERALIZATION CLAUSE

If we make a change that broadens your coverage under this edition of our Flood Coverage Endorsement, but does not require any additional premium, then that change will automatically apply to your insurance as of the date we implement the change, provided that this implementation date falls within 60 days before or during the Flood Coverage Endorsement term stated on the Declarations Page.

IX. WHAT LAW GOVERNS

This Flood Coverage Endorsement and all disputes arising from the handling of any claim under this Flood Coverage Endorsement are governed exclusively by the laws of the State of Texas.