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Leanne A. Harter, AICP CFM, Director, Story County, Iowa, Planning and Development Department, attests to the following information. On July 22, 2025, the Story County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance Number 327 pertaining to changes to Chapter 80, Floodplain Management Program of the Story County Code of Ordinances – Land Development Regulations.

Upon review of the adopted ordinance by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), the following scrivener's error was identified.

Within the Recreational Vehicle provisions, new Section 80.11(1)(M), the reference to paragraph E should be paragraph F, the Factory-built home requirements.

The purpose of this affidavit is to acknowledge that the following language is correct:

M. Recreational Vehicles.

- (1) Recreational vehicles are exempt from the requirements of paragraph F of this subsection regarding anchoring and elevation of factory-built homes when the following criteria are satisfied.
 - a. The recreational vehicle shall be located on the site for less than 180 consecutive days; and
 - b. The recreational vehicle must be fully licensed and ready for highway use. A recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system and is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached additions.
- (2) Recreational vehicles that are located on the site for more than 180 consecutive days and are not ready for highway use must satisfy requirements of paragraph F of this subsection regarding anchoring and elevation of factory-built homes.

This affidavit further removes and replaces the reference to SECTION V(1)(D)(1) as noted below.

E. All new and substantially improved structures:

- (1) Fully enclosed areas below the "lowest floor" (not including basements) that are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:
 - a. A minimum of two (2) openings, with positioning on at least two (2) walls, having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided
 - b. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.
 - c. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

Such areas shall be used solely for parking of vehicles, building access and low damage potential storage. Where the distance between the floor and ceiling of the fully enclosed

area below the "lowest floor" is five (5) feet or more, the applicant shall be required to sign and record with the Story County Recorder a Non-Conversion Agreement that ensures the lower enclosed area remains compliant with the criteria outlined in ~~(SECTION V(1)(D)(1))~~ this Chapter.

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Date 9/26/2025

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