

VIRGINIA STATE BUILDING CODE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

I N T E R P R E T A T I O N

Interpretation Number: 1/2025

Code: USBC, Part I, Virginia Construction Code/2021

Section No: Section R322.3.6

R322.3.6 Enclosed areas below required elevation.

Enclosed areas below the design flood elevation required in Section R322.3.2 are prohibited in Coastal A Zones and Coastal High Hazard Areas.

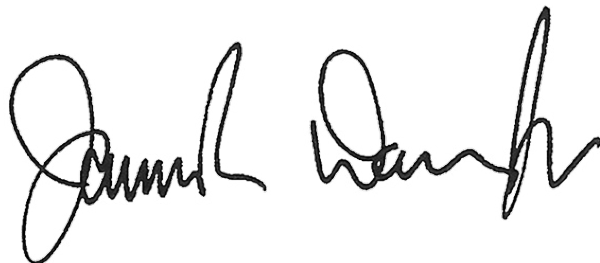
QUESTION: Would the provision in this section prohibit the installation of elevator shaft enclosures in Coastal A and Coastal High Hazard Areas?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: If walls are constructed below required flood elevation on three (3) sides of a structure, would that be considered "enclosed" for the purpose of this section?

ANSWER: No.

This Official Interpretation was issued by the State Building Code Technical Review Board at its meeting of April 18, 2025.

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Chair, State Building Code Technical Review Board