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MEMORANDUM

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: Louisiana Manufactured Housing Commission

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RE: Site Preparation for Used Manufactured Homes

Used manufactured homes are to be installed to the Louisiana State Installation Law (R.S.51:912). The following is taken from the section on site preparation:

§912.22. Installation standards for manufactured and modular homes

(4) As to site preparation, the under-home grade, or ground, shall be cleaned of all vegetation and organic material, such as stumps, roots, etc., except grass not exceeding three inches in height. The area beneath and around the home shall be crowned, sloped or properly drained so that water will not flow or accumulate under the home. All grass and organic material shall be removed and the pier foundation placed on stable soil or compacted fill. When the soil compaction or soil-bearing capacity is not known, the local building authority in the locale may be consulted or a reading by the use of a pocket penetrometer may be obtained. The bottom of the footer or footers shall be placed on stable soil. The pier foundation shall be a minimum of three and one-half inches by sixteen inches by sixteen inches solid concrete pad or equivalent, precast or poured in place, or approved material by the regulatory agency. The regulatory agency, or its duly authorized representatives, shall cause products to be analyzed or tested to require that the pier foundation products have a deflection of not more than three-eighths inch under design load. Such testing may be conducted by an independent third party qualified and approved by the agency. Previous testing data submitted in other jurisdictions may be considered by the agency. Where the manufacturer's specifications have additional requirements other than the above, the more stringent shall apply. The landowner shall be responsible for proper site preparation in accordance with this Paragraph.

These standards must be adhered to for the site preparation of a used manufactured home. The complete Installation Law (R.S.51:912) can be found at <http://sfm.dps.louisiana.gov> under codes, rules, and law in the Manufactured Housing Section of the website. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 225-362-5500.