City to seek claim on Convention Hall low elevation

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CAPE MAY — Although Convention Hall weathered the storm, city officials last fall noted a number of design or construction errors in the building.

The city was wary of the building's stability and insurance rates. Sandy last fall, an alleged design or construction error is the building's low elevation.

Sandy's surge in the Atlantic Ocean caused the V-zone flood insurance policy to rise to $5,500. The V-zone, according to FEMA, is the zone where the risk of 1-foot elevation, which will be filed.

“FEMA has no enforcement and cannot impose fines on a city for construction related problems,” said Monzo. “Actually, in this case FEMA offered to provide technical assistance and to work with the city in order to obtain full compliance.”

Mayor said the city was informing the professional contractors involved with the construction of Convention Hall with the city’s needs and expectations to expect a claim to be filed.

The city has already placed the architect and all engineers that were involved in the design of this building on notice and instructed them to advise their carriers as to a potential claim. After finishing his prepared statement, Monzo said no public or press related questions would be answered at this time.

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Point budget comes in with another decrease

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