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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (WFLA) — People living at the Twin City mobile home park off Gandy Boulevard are being ordered to elevate their homes by June or move out.

Pinellas County officials sent residents letters in the fall of 2023 sharing they must elevate their mobile homes nearly 11 feet.

Pinellas County Flood-Plain Manager Lisa Foster says it's a requirement the county must follow as it participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. If regulations under the program aren't followed, Foster says the county risks losing disaster assistance funds.

"One of those regulations is to ensure that repeatedly damaged structures that are deemed substantially damaged are brought into compliance," Foster said.

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According to Foster, the Twin City Mobile Home Park has flooded several times, putting residents in danger.

"It's really important that we get these folks into safe structures, it's going to reduce our response needs, reduce those rescues and the financial challenges that are associated with the flooding for the residents."