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March 15, 2023

Re: Updated Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

The DEP is requiring the adoption of a new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that is more detailed by incorporating requirements found in multiple regulations and codes. The City is introducing this ordinance that includes all required DEP language and it includes elements from our existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. There are no changes to requirements nor are there any more restrictive regulations. Everything in this new ordinance will result in the same requirements for all as specified in our current ordinance. The main points of the new ordinance are as follows:

- 1 It keeps the 100yr floodplain with 2 feet of freeboard as the SFHA or special flood hazard area.
- 2 It keeps the requirements for the elevation of mechanical equipment to 2 feet above the base flood elevation when there are previous flood losses to that equipment.
- 3 Substantial Damage and substantial Improvement determinations remains as they currently are from the existing ordinance.
- 4 There are no changes to the definitions of historic structures.
- 5 Variances for any required work that would change the status of a historic structure will be granted through the Floodplain Administrator's office rather than going to the ZBOA. All other variance requests will still go to the ZBOA.

All requirements are only applicable to structures in the special flood hazard area. All are encouraged to support the adoption of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

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CRS Coordinator