



Request for City Council Action

MEETING DATE: November 13, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

SUBJECT: Amendment to Flood Hazard Regulations

PROPONENT: City of Blaine

AGENT: N/A

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development

PREPARED BY: Tom Black, AICP, Development Manager

Terry Galvin, Community Development Director

☐ Comments/Communications ☐ Consent ☐ Committee Reports ☐ Unfinished Business
☐ New Business ☐ Public Hearing ☒ Council Action Item

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1: draft Ordinance 07-2686

I. OVERVIEW

The City of Blaine currently participates in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program. The program provides residents of the community with federally subsidized flood insurance, and disaster assistance as long as the City maintains its eligibility in the program.

The City has adopted Flood Hazard Regulations (Chapter 17.86 of the BMC) which comply with the FEMA Floodplain Management Regulations as a prerequisite for continued participation in the program. From time to time these regulations are updated--- the last time in Blaine being in 2004 when the Chapter was amended to reference recently revised flood maps.

The proposed amendment is similar to the 2004 amendment, in that nothing in the City Flood Hazard Regulations is being changed but the referenced date of the applicable FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Both of these documents have been recently completed, and become effective November 16, 2007.

It is necessary for the City Council to approve a technical amendment to Section 17.86.040 of the BMC, which is the section that references the current FIS and FIRM. The previously referenced dates must be replaced with the November 16, 2007 reference. As such, the nature of this amendment could be characterized as "housekeeping".

II. RECOMMENDATION

Staff did not take this to the Planning Commission for a recommendation because there is no land use recommendation to be addressed by the City. As a state mandated requirement, this purely technical amendment to Chapter 17.86 will guarantee the City's continued participation in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program. **Staff recommends that the proposed code amendment be APPROVED.**

IV. FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed amendment is technical in nature and should have no fiscal impact on the City. Failure to continue participation in the NFIP, however, could have significant fiscal impacts to the City should the community be impacted by flooding or other natural disaster.

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
(Digital Signature) (Digital Signature) (Digital Signature)

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved ☐, Denied ☐, Tabled / Deferred ☐,

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2686

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 17.86.040 OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING THE MOST CURRENT FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP FOR USE IN ADMINISTERING CITY FLOOD HAZARD REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the City is a participant in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, the City has, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, adopted Chapter 17.86 of the Blaine Municipal Code, Floodplain Hazard Regulations, that meet the standards of Paragraph 60.3(e) of the NFIP regulations; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has completed a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City which become effective on November 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City's Flood Hazard Regulations to remain compliant with the requirements of the NFIP, the City must adopt the FIS and FIRM recently completed by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Blaine to continue the community's participation in the NFIP;

WHEREAS on November 13, 2007, during a public meeting, the City Council voted to approve the amendment to the City Code as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON DOES HEREBY ADOPT THE FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2007, AND DOES ORDAIN TO AMEND SECTION 17.86.040 OF THE BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 17.86.040. The date of the referenced Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map shall be revised from January 16, 2004 to November 16, 2007.

SECTION 2: Severability. If any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force from and after passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor, if approved, as provided by law.

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PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON on
The _____ day of _____, 2007, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON

Mike Myers
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

Sheri Sanchez
City Clerk