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AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code regarding revisions to the Floodplain Management Regulations in order to meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and adopt the new flood insurance studies and new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) issued by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

SYNOPSIS:

Revisions to Chapter 50 to incorporate the new FIRMs for Warren County and Polk County.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In a letter dated May 16, 2018, FEMA formally notified the City of Des Moines that the final flood hazard determinations for the City of Des Moines in Warren County were completed. Prior to November 16, 2018, the City is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations to meet the standard of NFIP regulations.
- In a letter dated August 1, 2018, FEMA formally notified the City of Des Moines that the final flood hazard determinations for the City of Des Moines in Polk County were completed. Prior to February 1, 2019, the City is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations to meet the standard of NFIP regulations.
- Revisions to Chapter 50 must be implemented to reflect state and federal regulations that have been incorporated since the last major revision to Chapter 50. Most of the proposed revisions had been incorporated into review procedures for compliance with state and federal regulations, but had not yet been incorporated into the code. One (1) required change of potential significance will require elevation of detached accessory structures for non-single or double residential properties. The proposed revisions have been reviewed by FEMA and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.
- Additional recommended changes to further regulate development in the floodplain that are not currently required will be presented to City Council for discussion and consideration in a future meeting.

- The Warren County FIRMs and the new regulations will take effect as of the publication of the ordinance. The Polk County FIRMs will take effect as of February 1, 2019.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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