


## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>21-363</b>	Meeting:	<b>August 23, 2021</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>48</b>	Roll Call:	<b>21-1378</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

### AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code regarding Floodplain Development Regulation Changes.

### SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of amendments to Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code regarding Floodplain Development Regulation Changes. In response to the Community Rating System (CRS) Program staff conducting their final review of the City's recent revisions to Chapter 50, CRS staff requested some minor revisions to Chapter 50. The proposed revisions do not have any impact how City staff currently recognizes, describes, reviews, and/or approves the content within Chapter 50.

### FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City belongs to the CRS Program, an incentive program managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed minimum federal requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted. Currently, the City is rated as a "Class 7" community which results in a 15% insurance premium reduction for qualifying properties.
- As part of the amendments made to Chapter 50 on September 14, 2020, and March 8, 2021, the City has positioned itself to increase its CRS class rating and improve the flood insurance premium savings for its residents. The class increase cannot be authorized until the minor revisions in the ordinance are revised and formally adopted in the City' Municipal Code.
- The revisions requested by CRS staff to Chapter 50 which are part of these proposed amendments to Chapter 50 of the Municipal Code, include:
  - Revising the definition of "Minimum floodproofing/flood protection elevation" to "Minimum flood protection elevation" since floodproofing is not allowed for residential buildings. Updating text in all locations where this definition is referenced.
  - Revising text to clarify that machinery and equipment servicing residential buildings and factory-built homes must be elevated to the minimum flood protection elevation and cannot utilize floodproofing.
  - Removing incorrect references that grouped factory-built homes with the same requirements as nonresidential buildings. Factory-built homes are held to the same standards as residential buildings.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: March 8, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-0409](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 50 of Municipal Code relating to floodplain development. ([Council Communication No. 21-208](#)) Moved by Boesen that the ordinance do now pass #15,985. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Gatto.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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