



Planning Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 8/9/22
From: Josh White, Principal Planner
Item: Floodplain Management Amendments

Purpose: Hold a public hearing to consider the advisability of amendments to Article 28 Floodplain Management

Background:

The City desires to enter into the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System which requires the City to go above the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program to ensure the City's residents are protected from most floods. The program also offers an incentive in the form of discounts on flood insurance policies. Staff has worked with the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources to craft updated regulations. Most of the amendments involve updating out of date language since the ordinance has not been updated since 2010. One particular increase in regulations involves elevating mechanical equipment at least 1 foot above base flood elevation to match the lowest floor of the structure. A full list of the changes is included in this packet.

Since the floodplain management ordinance is adopted by reference into the Zoning Regulations, a review and a public hearing by the Planning Commission is required. The entirety of the recommended amendments is attached as well as a quick reference for all the amendments. Staff recommends approval.

Action:

Hold a public hearing regarding the proposed floodplain management ordinance amendments as adopted by reference into Article 28 of the Zoning Regulations. After the hearing is closed make a motion to recommend approval (or denial) of the amendments to the City Commission.

Attachments:

Proposed ordinance, proposed amendments, summary of changes