



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/6/22
From: Josh White, Principal Planner
Item: Floodplain Management Ordinance

Purpose: Consider first reading of an Ordinance amending Zoning Regulations Article 28 (Floodplain Management), and incorporating such regulations by reference. **(Roll Call Vote)**

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 Most of the amendments involve updating out of date language since the ordinance has not been updated since 2010.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 was required. The entirety of the recommended amendments is attached as well as a quick reference for all the amendments. Also as part of the process of adopting an ordinance, administrative procedures also must be adopted. The proposed administrative procedures will be adopted alongside the ordinance. These procedures are attached to this action item.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted to recommend adoption of the Floodplain Management Ordinance and corresponding change to the Zoning Regulations at their meeting on August 9, 2022.

Commission Options:

- 1. Approve the Ordinance
- 2. Send back to Planning Commission for further consideration.
- 3. Table for second reading

Fiscal Impact: Cost of publication

Amount:

Fund: _____ Department: _____ Expense Code: _____
_____ Included in Budget _____ Grant _____ Bonds _____ Other (explain): _____

Attachments: Proposed ordinance, amendments and summary of changes, administrative procedures

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager