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The Honorable Harold Smith
Mayor, City of Bel Aire
7651 East Central Park Avenue
Bel Aire, KS 67266

Dear Mayor Smith:

I want to congratulate your community on its application to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has verified that the voluntary floodplain management actions undertaken by your community exceed the minimum standards of the NFIP and meet the criteria for a CRS Class 8 rating. The floodplain management activities implemented by your community qualify it for a 10 percent discount in the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2014. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage. I am enclosing the field verification report showing the results of your application review for your records.

Please note that Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map, are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of 10 percent in CRS Class 1-6 communities and 5 percent in CRS Class 7-9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

If your community remains in compliance with NFIP regulations, the CRS rating will automatically be renewed annually and a notification letter will not be sent to your community. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify each October. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established 5-year cycle. In the interim, FEMA will send the *NFIP/CRS Update* newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator to keep your community informed.

I commend you on your community's actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, protects property, preserves the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region VII Office, CRS Coordinator, Bob Butler, by telephone at (816) 283 - 7980.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Miller".

David L. Miller
Associate Administrator
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure

cc: Keith Price, Building Official



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

City of Bel Aire, KS

Verified Class 8

NFIP Number: 200864

New Application

Date of Verification Visit: May 15, 2013

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 1407 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community improve from a CRS Class 10 to a CRS Class 8. The following is a summary of our findings with the total credit points for each activity noted in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates: The Building Official maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (56 points)

Activity 320 – Map Information Service: Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), publicizing the service annually and maintaining records. (140 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: A community brochure is mailed to all properties in the community on an annual basis. (22 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Real estate agents provide a brochure advising prospective buyers about insurance and checking property flood hazards. (10 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the Bel Aire City Hall Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (23 points)

Activity 360 – Flood Protection Assistance: The community provides technical advice and assistance to interested property owners and annually publicizes the service. (3 points).

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 10 acres in the Special Flood Hazard Area as open space. (40 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction, foundation protection, cumulative substantial improvement, protection of natural and beneficial functions, protection of critical facilities, and land development criteria. (564 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using overlay maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. (114 points)

Section 502 - Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of August 31, 2012 **the City of Bel Aire is a Category A community with an approved Floodplain Management Plan, a progress report must be submitted on an annual basis.** (138 points)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: A portion of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed by the City of Bel Aire Public Works Department. Records are being maintained for both inspections and required maintenance. (225 points)

Activity 630 – Dam Safety: All Kansas communities currently receive CRS credit for the state's dam safety program. (72 points)

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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CRS Coordinator Name / Address:

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(316) 749-2451

Date Report Prepared: September 18, 2013

Community : City of Bel Aire, KS

NFIP Number : 200864

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (New Application):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:				Credit
c310	56			56
c320	140			140
c330	22			22
c340	10			10
c350	23			23
c360	3			3
c410		x CGA	=	
c420	36	x CGA	1.10 =	40
c430	513	x CGA	1.10 =	564
c440	104	x CGA	1.10 =	114
c450		x CGA	=	
c510	138			138
c520				
c530				
c540	225			225
c610				
c620				
c630	72			72

722 Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above

cT = 1407

Community Classification (from Appendix C):

Class = 8

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