



## Staff Report – Ordinance

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Ordinance No. 21-006 Amending CMC Title 16 and 18 relating to Flood Hazard Regs

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**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE/SUMMARY:** The proposed ordinance is amending Camas Municipal Code (CMC) Title 16, Chapter 16.57 *Frequently Flooded Areas* and Title 18, *Environmental Definitions*, for compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which allows citizens within the community to obtain flood insurance and certain types of federal disaster aid.

Planning Commission held a public workshop November 17, 2020 and a public hearing December 15, 2020. A SEPA DNS was issued December 3, 2020 and Commerce review granted December 15, 2020. City Council held a public workshop January 19, 2021 and a public hearing February 16, 2021. No public comments were received.

### EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:

What are the desired results and outcomes for this agenda item?

- To maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) so the citizens of Camas may obtain flood insurance and certain types of flood disaster aid.

What's the data? What does the data tell us?

- The Flood Insurance Rate Maps identify several properties within the City of Camas that are located within frequently flooded areas and therefore subject to the flood hazard regulations in Chapter 16.57.

How have communities been engaged? Are there opportunities to expand engagement?

- A State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) notice was published in the local paper, posted to the city website and emailed to other agencies for public comments. No public comments were received.

Who will benefit from, or be burdened by this agenda item?

- The current 61 and future flood insurance policy holders in the City of Camas will benefit from a compliant City code with the NFIP regulations.

What are the strategies to mitigate any unintended consequences?

- Any unintended consequences as a result of the proposed code amendments would be presented to FEMA for feedback and revised where needed.

Does this agenda item have a differential impact on underserved populations, people living with disabilities, and/or communities of color? Please provide available data to illustrate this impact.

- The proposed code amendments are equally applicable to all property owners with property located within the special flood hazard area.

Will this agenda item improve ADA accessibilities for people with disabilities?

- Not applicable.

What potential hurdles exist in implementing this proposal (include both operational and political)?

- Operationally, a potential hurdle may be if only one staff person is knowledgeable on how to implement this section of the code and issue flood improvement permits. Politically, a potential hurdle may be if a suggested revision by the local community is not approved by FEMA and thereby risking the City's compliance with the NFIP.

How will you ensure accountabilities, communicate, and evaluate results?

- As a participant in the NFIP, the City of Camas is subject to a Community Assistance Visit by Department of Ecology Floodplain staff every few years for the purpose of ensuring the City's compliance with NFIP. Accountability will be accomplished through excellent record keeping and properly trained staff.

How does this item support a comprehensive plan goal, policy or other adopted resolution?

- This agenda item supports Resolution no. 17-003, adoption of the Clark Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** There is no impact on the City budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends Council adopt Ordinance 21-006.