



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Chad Gilpin, City Engineer; Laura Mueller, City Attorney

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**Council Meeting Date:** January 7, 2025

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider adoption of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as required by TCEQ for continued compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds*

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Mayor Bill Foulds

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**Summary/Background:** The City currently regulates development in the floodplain by referencing the Flood Damage Prevention Regulations adopted by Hays County February 21, 2017. A copy of Hays County’s current Flood Damage Prevention Regulations Chapter 735 are attached for reference.

FEMA has produced revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Hays County, TX and incorporated areas, including the City of Dripping Springs (NFIP #481667). The new FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) will be made effective by FEMA on January 17, 2025.

FEMA requests a copy of the City’s updated and adopted Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO) indicating adoption of the new FIS and FIRM prior to January 17, 2025. This is required by FEMA in order for the City to continue compliance in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

It should be noted that the revised FEMA FIRM and FIS have been available to the public since 2017 as “Preliminary” and the City has been utilizing this information as “Best Available Data” when regulating floodplain development. As of January 17, 2017 this “Preliminary” data will be published as “effective”.

For this updated and adopted FDPO staff is recommending adoption of the attached City Ordinance rather referring to Hays County Regulations. This FDPO was written by the City Engineer based on a statewide template issued by FEMA. It includes updates to the template to provide consistency with Hays County and with related City Ordinances.

**Commission Recommendations:** N/A

**Recommended Council Actions:** Approve Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

**Attachments:** Current Hays County Flood Damage Prevention Regulations – Chapter 735  
New City Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance - Article 22.08

**Next Steps/Schedule:** If approved, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance will become effective January 17, 2025.