



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 114, Article III, Division 5 of the Kingsport City Code as it Relates to Floodplain Zoning

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-183-2024
Work Session: June 17, 2024
First Reading: June 18, 2024
Final Adoption: July 16, 2024
Staff Work By: Committee
Presentation By: Ken Weems

Recommendation:

Approve the Ordinance

Executive Summary:

The City of Kingsport is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The NFIP provides insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses impacted by flooding. In order to participate in the NFIP the city adopted Ordinance No. 5414 which established flood plain zoning, provisions for flood hazard reduction as well as other processes and procedures. The provisions of Ordinance 5414 were incorporated into Chapter 114, Article III, Division 5 of the Kingsport Code of Ordinances and have been amended over time to comply with provisions of the NFIP.

Earlier this year, FEMA completed a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) to identify needed changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Map based on flood hazard data. As a result of the FIS, Chapter 114, Article III, Division 5 of the Kingsport Code of Ordinances needs to be amended to update changes to Community Panels listed. FEMA has also drafted a new “model ordinance” that will bring our existing floodplain ordinance into compliance with updated FEMA standards. In general, these are minor changes that include new and updated definitions along with updated wording to existing regulations.

The Kingsport Regional Planning Commission unanimously voted to send a positive recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen at their called meeting on June 17, 2024. In order to fully comply with FEMA requirements, we will hold a public hearing on this item during the second reading in July.

Attachments:

1. Ordinance
2. Track Changes Version of Code
3. Planning Commission Report

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