

STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA DATE: October 15, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Community Sustainability

TITLE:

Ordinance No. 2024-15 - Second Reading – amending Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations,” Article 7 “Floodplain Management” to adopt the new FEMA Floodplain maps and required language

SUMMARY:

Ordinance 2024-15 would adopt the new FEMA Floodplain maps and amend required language in the Floodplain Management section of the Land Development Regulations

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Lake Worth Beach participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which requires the City to meet the requirements of Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has revised and reissued the Flood Insurance Study for Palm Beach County with an effective date of December 20, 2024. The subject ordinance adopts the new FEMA Floodplain maps and amends required language, including:

- **Flood Insurance Study Date:** Identifies the effective date of the new FEMA Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps.
- **Historic Buildings:** Corrects the Florida Building Code reference in the Historic Building definition and in the section regarding variances and appeals for repair, improvement or rehabilitation to Historic Buildings in the floodplain.
- **Letter of Map Change:** Revises the definition to properly categorize Letter of Map Amendment, Letter of Map Revision, Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill, and Conditional Letter of Map Revision as subtypes of a Letter of Map Change.
- **Market Value:** Revises the language defining Market Value.

The **Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB)** unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments at their meeting on September 11, 2024.

The **Planning & Zoning Board (PZB)** unanimously voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments at their meeting on September 18, 2024.

At their meeting on October 1, 2024, the **City Commission** unanimously voted to approve the ordinance on first reading.

MOTION:

Move to approve/disapprove Ordinance 2024-15 amending Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations,” Article 7 “Floodplain Management” to adopt the new FEMA Floodplain maps and required language.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Ordinance 2024-15
2017 & 2024 FEMA Floodplain Maps
PZB/HRPB Staff Report