



DATE: September 4, 2024

TO: Members of the Planning & Zoning and Historic Resources Preservation Boards

FROM: William Waters, Director Community Sustainability

MEETING: September 11 & September 18, 2024

SUBJECT: **Ordinance 2024-15**: Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 23 “Land Development Regulations,” Article 7 “Floodplain Management” to adopt the new FEMA Floodplain maps and required language.

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**PROPOSAL / BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS:**

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

The proposed ordinance would amend the following sections of Article 7 of the City’s Land Development Regulations:

- Division 1 “Administration,” Section 23.7-2 – Applicability
- Division 1 “Administration,” Section 23.7-7 – Variances and Appeals
- Division 2 “Definitions,” Section 23.7-10 – Definitions

**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.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Board and Historic Resources Preservation Board recommend that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 2024-15.

**POTENTIAL MOTION:**

I move to **RECOMMEND/NOT RECOMMEND** TO THE CITY COMMISSION TO ADOPT the proposed LDR text amendments included in Ordinance 2024-15.

Attachments

- A. Draft Ordinance 2024-15