



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-17 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Title IV (“Land Use”), Chapter 420 (“Flood Damage Prevention”), of the Municipal Code of The City of Republic, Missouri.

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Issue Statement

The consideration to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 420 Flood Damage Prevention to incorporate new regulations mandated by FEMA/SEMA for participation in the FIRM Program.

Discussion and/or Analysis

The Federal and State emergency management agencies (FEMA & SEMA) have recently updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) panels that are within the jurisdiction of the City of Republic. In addition to the updated FIRMS, these agencies have made changes to the floodplain management regulations designed to supplement and regulate such flood maps. The changes include the following:

- New definitions to give these regulations, outlined in this Chapter, its most reasonable application.
- Addition of provisions that:
 - Adds additional justifications for the approval of a variance for a registered historic place.
 - Requires the local jurisdiction to keep a record of all variances and the justification for allowing such variances.
- Strengthens the Penalties Section (420.070) for agencies that enforce and those who violate the regulations of this Chapter.

The ordinance language provided to the City by FEMA/SEMA is identical to the City’s currently adopted Flood Damage Prevention Chapter (2010) apart from the forementioned changes above. Adoption of this ordinance by September 19, 2025, is a requirement for participation in the FIRM Program.

Recommended Action

Staff recommends the approval of the referenced amendments.