



**City of Sedgwick
City Council Meeting
October 15, 2025**

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Staff Report

INITIATED BY: Administration

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently validating the draft Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) database for Harvey County, Kansas, including flood risk information for the City of Sedgwick. The current mapping has three different color codes: red = floodplain increase, green = floodplain decrease, yellow = constant no increase or decrease.

When reviewing the mapping for Sedgwick, staff had extensive conversations with WSP and the Floodplain Mapping coordinator to discuss the reasoning behind wanting to increase the floodplain along the east side and northwest sections of town. Through those conversations, WSP determined that they would need to complete a hydrology analysis to determine if their modeling was appropriately applied to these sections of town. Through this analysis, it was determined that less than a 1' of flooding occurs during the 100-year flood event, therefore this red shaded section will go from being required to have flood insurance to a Zone X, which is recommended, but not required to have flood insurance.

The next step in the process is for elected officials and community leaders to submit comments providing additional data to supplement or modify the findings. This can be done by following the link to the draft map: <https://gis2.kda.ks.gov/gis/harvey/>. Once you are on the map, you can toggle on and off the updates and leave a comment with your information regarding the historical flooding of the area.

The proposed calendar for this project is as follows:

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| 1. Deadline to submit FRR Meeting comments | October 29, 2025 |
| 2. Estimated Public Open House | February 2026 |
| 3. Estimated Preliminary Distribution of DFIRM | October 2026 |
| 4. Estimated Community Coordinating's Officer Meeting | November 2026 |
| 5. Appeals Period | Feb – April 2027 |
| 6. Estimated Letter of Final Determination | Fall 2027 |
| 7. Estimated Effective Date of New Maps | Summer 2028 |