



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Request to set a Public Hearing on Land Use Ordinance Text Amendments Related to Flood Damage Prevention Provisions to Reflect New Maps

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider setting a public hearing on Land Use Ordinance Text Amendments related to flood damage prevention provisions.

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INFORMATION: Revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) have been underway for several years. Updated LIDAR data have significantly increased the clarity and accuracy of elevation data and the digital modeling used to create these maps. State and Federal flood mapping officials have informed the Town that the maps are ready to become effective. Associated updates to flood modelling used to determine flood impacts have been developed as well. An updated state model ordinance has been made available. This update includes definitional changes and other provisions, and the reference to the date of the new FIRMs.

A draft ordinance has been prepared that incorporates the updated map reference and additional revisions from the model ordinance provided by State floodplain mapping. An annotated excerpt of Article XVI, Part I, Flood Damage Prevention, is also provided (Attachments B and C).

FEMA has notified the Town that its regulations must be updated to reference the updated maps by November 17th. In order to provide time for state and federal review of the Town's flood damage prevention ordinance provisions prior to November 17, a public hearing on September 28th is proposed. A resolution that sets a public hearing on September 26th and refers the draft ordinance to the Planning Board and Environmental Advisory Board is provided for the Board's consideration. In order to provide 30 days review to Orange County, the draft ordinance was sent to Orange County staff on August 26th.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Typical costs associated with public hearings on Land Use Ordinance text amendments are anticipated.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) which sets a public hearing and refers the draft ordinance for review.