



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of October 11, 2022

DATE: October 11, 2022
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ONE – READING ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO UPDATE CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) REQUIREMENTS AND THE UPDATED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS (FIRMS)

CAPTION:

One- Reading Ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article V of the Code of Ordinances to adopt the following three items, the updated minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements; the new Flood Insurance Study (FIS); and the new effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to revise the adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Code to include minimum language updated by NFIP, FIS, and FIRMs.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners asking any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This financial assistance includes certain federally guaranteed mortgages and direct loans, federal disaster relief loans and grants, as well as other similarly described assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

The City of Corpus Christi must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

The City has adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Code within the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article V originally by Ordinance 25647 on September 9, 2003. The code was revised by Ordinance 031541 on September 18, 2018, adopting preliminary FIRMs and Ordinance 031740 on April 16, 2019 adopting higher standards. The proposed ordinance provides for language to adopt updated NFIP minimum standards, a new FIS and new FIRMs.

ALTERNATIVES:

City of Corpus Christi will no longer be able to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

Funding Detail:

Fund:	N/A
Organization/Activity:	N/A
Mission Element:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only) :	N/A
Account:	N/A
Amount:	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Council adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 14, Article V of the Code of Ordinances to adopt the minimum National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements; approve the new Flood Insurance Study (FIS); and adopt the new effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Ordinance
- Council Presentation