



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 19, 2023
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 10, 2023

DATE: September 19, 2023
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<p>ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT A NONSTRUCTURAL FILL POLICY</p>

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Section 14-556 of Corpus Christi Code to adopt regulations for nonstructural fill on North Beach; and providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 per violation and publication.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to revise the adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Code to include a policy for placing nonstructural fill on undeveloped, developed, and natural areas within North Beach.

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 National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

With the recent revitalization of North Beach and other areas within SFHAs an ordinance establishing guidelines for nonstructural fill was not available within our code. This ordinance will establish the necessary guidelines for development while at the same time keeping the City in compliance with NFIP requirements.

Under this ordinance, minor grading and the placement of minor quantities of nonstructural fill are allowed in Zone V only for landscaping, drainage under and around buildings and support of parking slabs, pool deck, patios, and similar site elements. Nonstructural fill must be similar to

natural soils in the area. The ordinance also includes additional requirements and restrictions related to testing, placement and sloping.

ALTERNATIVES:

The National Flood Insurance Program could lower our rating if development is not regulated.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for this item.

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 approval of the amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- Ordinance
- Council Presentation