AGENDA MEMORANDUM
First Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 19, 2024
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of March 26, 2024

DATE: March 19, 2024

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ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending Section 14-544, 14-552 and 14-556 of the Corpus Christi Code to update certain provisions including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) compliance requirements and nonstructural fill on North Beach; providing for a penalty; and publication.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to revise the adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Code according to a recent Community Rating System (CRS) evaluation that was completed by FEMA.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners asking for 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.

This ordinance update will keep the City in compliance with NFIP requirements and increase our CRS rating, which impacts all flood insurance policy holders.

ALTERNATIVES:

FEMA could keep our CRS rating the same if updates are not adopted.

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 approval of the amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Council Presentation