



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 11, 2018
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of September 18, 2018

DATE: August 17, 2018

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Adopting the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to adopt the preliminary flood insurance rate maps; and providing for penalty.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to revise the adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Code to adopt the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City has adopted Flood Hazard Prevention Code within the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, Article V which was last revised by Ordinance 25647 on September 9, 2003. The proposed ordinance provides for language to adopt the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps that are within the City of Corpus Christi's jurisdictional bounds have been finalized by FEMA and are closed for any further appeals. As such, the City can choose to adopt these for construction purposes as all the appeals process for the County is being completed. Adopting the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps for construction purposes does not make them final and effective and will not change any insurance requirements. However, when adopting the preliminary FIRMs for construction purposes the more stringent regulation prevails for construction permitting purposes. This will benefit applicants because new construction projects resulting in non-conformance would be subject to significantly higher flood insurance rates. City Council requested that staff move forward with preliminary FIRM adoption and conduct higher standards outreach on May 22, 2018.

Outreach

Outreach for preliminary FIRM adoption has been conducted in the past two months with the following boards/groups:

- Costal Bend Home Builders Association
- Island Strategic Action Committee
- North Beach Community Association
- Oso Parkway Community
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Planning Commission

Feedback was favorable for adoption of the preliminary FIRMs.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial or alteration of proposed amendments.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The proposed text amendment conforms to City policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2017-2018	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Fund(s):

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Presentation