

Meeting Date: 10/1/2024

Proposed Ordinance No. 24-021- First Reading, An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Boynton Beach, Florida, amending Part III, Chapter 4, "Site Development Standards," Article X, "Flood Prevention Requirements," Section 1.C "Administration," Section 1.D, "Applicability," and Section 5.E "Building and Structures"; providing for codification, severability, conflicts, and providing for an effective date.

## **Requested Action:**

Staff recommends approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 24-021, on first reading.

**Explanation of Request:** Amending the City of Boynton Beach Code of Ordinance to update the Date of the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps; Providing for applicability, serviceability and effective December 20, 2024. Striking the term "Floodway designations" as the City doesn't have any floodways.

FEMA has established the effective date for the revised Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the City of Boynton Beach through the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination (LFD). The letter advises affected communities that they must adopt or show evidence of adoption of a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)-compliant flood ordinance before the FIRMs become effective December 20, 2024.

The City of Boynton Beach CRS rating currently is a 5 and working toward becoming a 4. The City of Boynton Beach has been working with Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Office of Floodplain Management to ensure the changes to the City's Flood Prevention Ordinance meets the strict requirements to maintain our current standing with FEMA.

**How will this affect city programs or services?** If the proposed amendment is not adopted, the city's floodplain ordinance may be deemed non-compliant which would affect all flood policies obtained through the National Flood Insurance Program. This could result in a loss of discount for all policy holders within the City.

Fiscal Impact: No impact

## Attachments:

Ordinance No 24-021 Flood Prevention Requirements.docx

Letters of Final Determination.docx business-impact-estimate.pdf