



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Open the Public Hearing and Consider Enacting Amendments to Section 5-56 of the Town Code to Incorporate the Revised Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Staff:

Lance Norris, Director
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Department:

Public Works

Overview: The Town of Chapel Hill received the April 19, 2018 Letter of Final Determination from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. This Letter completed the flood study and mapping revision and review process for Durham County. This study included five Chapel Hill Flood Insurance Rate Maps overlapping both Orange and Durham Counties and two Chapel Hill Flood Insurance Rate Maps representing the portions of Chapel Hill located solely in Durham County.

The Letter also began the six-month compliance period, during which the Town must adopt the revised Flood Insurance Studies and Flood Insurance Rate Maps through amendments to its Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. This action is necessary in order to maintain the Town's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The five Chapel Hill maps overlapping Orange and Durham Counties were included in the Orange County flood study. However, those maps did not become effective through the [ordinance amendment adopted by the Council in Fall 2017 <http://chapelhill.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=21&clip_id=3313&meta_id=177080>](http://chapelhill.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=21&clip_id=3313&meta_id=177080) because the Durham County study was still pending.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

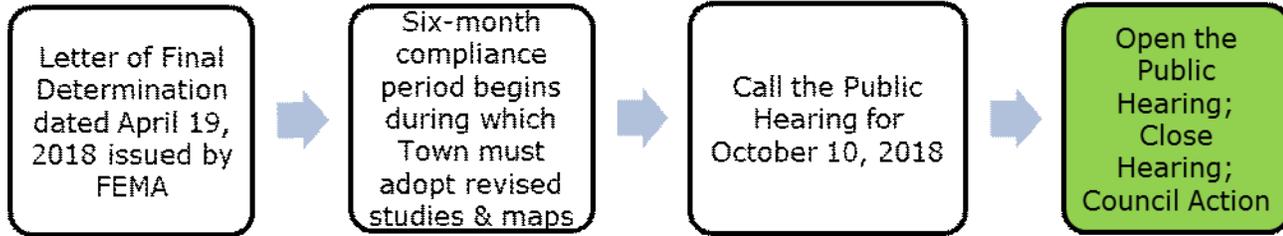
That the Council open the public hearing, receive comments, close the public hearing, and enact the proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Key Issues:

- Enactment is required to maintain participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Failure to adopt the revised study and maps will result in suspension from the NFIP.
- Consequences include: (1) inability to purchase flood insurance; (2) no federally-backed financing available for floodplain properties; and (3) loss of federal disaster assistance.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: No fiscal impacts were identified.

Where is this item in its process?



Council Goals:

<input type="checkbox"/>		Create a Place for Everyone	<input type="checkbox"/>		Develop Good Places, New Spaces
<input type="checkbox"/>		Support Community Prosperity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Nurture Our Community
<input type="checkbox"/>		Facilitate Getting Around	<input type="checkbox"/>		Grow Town and Gown Collaboration



Attachments:

- Ordinance
- Draft Staff Presentation
- FEMA Letter
- Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board Recommendation

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

PRESENTER: Sue Burke, Senior Engineer

- a. Introduction and recommendation
- b. Comments from the public
- c. Comments and questions from the Mayor and Town Council
- d. Motion to adjourn the public hearing
- e. Motion to enact the ordinance to amend the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open the public hearing, receive comments, close the public hearing, and enact the proposed amendments to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.