

CODE 15-01 Update to Floodplain Ordinance

PART 1: DESCRIPTION

Code of Ordinance amendment CODE 15-01 is a request by the Town of Huntersville to amend Code of Ordinance Chapter 151: Flood Damage Prevention making clerical adjustments for consistency with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations.

The Town of Huntersville requests a Code of Ordinances amendment to change the existing floodplain regulations within Chapter 151: Flood Damage Prevention. The changes fall into one of the following categories:

- Updating definitions
- Updating FEMA Form numbers
- Adjusting the Floodplain Administrator
- Adjusting State Agency names
- Changing reference dates

PART 2: BACKGROUND

In September 2015, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will update floodplain maps in Mecklenburg County as part of a revision to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). The FIRMS show property most susceptible to flooding and are used by FEMA and homeowners for flood insurance purposes. The revised FIRMS become effective on September 2, 2015. These amendments are required in order for Mecklenburg County to remain a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Participation in NFIP makes FEMA flood insurance and federal disasters assistance available for property owners.

The proposed amendments are include in Exhibit A.

PART 3: Staff Recommendation

The Town Attorney, and Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services have reviewed the proposed Ordinance, and staff recommends that Chapter 151 be amended to be compliant with FEMA revisions to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This action is required in order for Mecklenburg County to remain a participate community in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Part 4: Attachments

Exhibit A: Proposed Amendments