

STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of Updating the Flood }
Damage Prevention Ordinance for }
Jefferson County - Revised Federal } ORDINANCE NO. _____
Emergency Management Agency Rate }
Maps }

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, as a local community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), adopted a flood damage prevention ordinance (No. 07-0515-06) on May 15, 2006; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the NFIP, Jefferson County agrees to adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance that seeks to reduce flood risks associated with new development occurring within Special Flood Hazard Areas, and the federal government agrees to make flood insurance available as financial protection against flood losses; and

WHEREAS, FEMA released Revised Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) and a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Jefferson County and Incorporated Areas on January 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County received a letter from FEMA (dated December 7, 2018) stating that the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and FIS will become effective on June 7, 2019, and that Jefferson County is required to adopt floodplain regulations that meet NFIP standard prior to that date; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) guidance was provided to Jefferson County on February 14, 2019 by David Radabaugh, NFIP State Coordinator, that identified required and recommended revisions to the current flood damage prevention ordinance; and

WHEREAS, FEMA guidance was provided to Jefferson County on February 16, 2019 by Roxanne Reale-Pilkenton, FEMA Region X Floodplain Management Specialist, that identified revisions to the current flood damage prevention ordinance needed to meet FEMA requirements; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Department of Community Development discussed drafted revisions with FEMA and Ecology staff on April 9, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) reviewed a draft flood damage prevention ordinance that replaces the existing ordinance (No. 07-0515-06); and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County noticed the proposed revisions to the flood damage prevention ordinance on _____ to comply with State Environmental Policy Act

requirements, and the county issued a Determination of Non-significance on _____;
and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was noticed for the proposed revisions to the flood damage prevention ordinance in the local newspaper on _____ and the BoCC received all comments, then reviewed and voted upon the proposed flood damage prevention ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is amending the flood damage prevention ordinance (codified in Chapter 15.15 JCC) to comply with the minimum NFIP requirements; and

WHEREAS, failing to amend the flood damage prevention ordinance to comply with the minimum NFIP requirements likely results in a lack of funding by FEMA in Jefferson County for flood insurance available as financial protection against flood losses.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

Section 1. Findings. The BoCC hereby adopts the recitals (the *WHEREAS* statements) as its findings of fact in support of this revision to the flood damage prevention ordinance.

Section 2. Modifications of Jefferson County Code, Chapter 15.15. Chapter 15.15 JCC shall be modified as set forth in Appendix A.

Section 3. Repeal and Replace Prior Ordinance. This Ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance No. 07-0515-06.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Ordinance becomes effective on June 7, 2019.

(SIGNATURES APPEAR ON NEXT PAGE)

Approved and adopted this _____ day of May 2019.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kate Dean, Chair

David Sullivan, Member

ATTEST

Greg Brotherton, Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carolyn Gallaway
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Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney