

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
for MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. PC-09-002

In the matter of recommending that the Board of Commissioners adopt revisions to the county DFIRM maps and amend County Building Code Chapter 29 pertaining to Flood Hazards.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Finds:

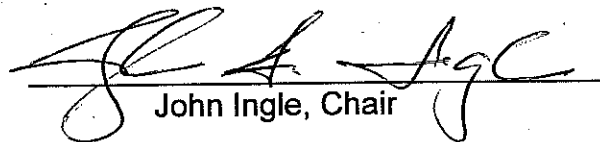
- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code Chapter 37 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the adoption, revision, or repeal of regulations intended to carry out all or part of a plan adopted by the Board.
- b. Flood Hazard regulations implement Policy 14 of the County Comprehensive Framework Plan, for Development Limitations, and related provisions of the County's Rural Area Plans. The regulations apply to certain rural unincorporated lands that are generally within the 100 year flood boundary as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- c. In June of 2009, Multnomah County was informed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) will become effective on December 18th, 2009. The DFIRM and FIS show the extent of the 100-year flood (areas where flood probably equals a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceed in any given year).
- d. Multnomah County must adopt the FIRM and FIS prior to December 18th, 2009 as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP in addition to the adoption of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP.
- e. Multnomah County code must also be amended to provide additional flood protection to manufactured dwellings and structures accessory to manufactured dwellings. Other optional revisions include addition of definitions and changes requiring flood hazard review within areas inundated during the 1996 flood only when located inside of the metro boundary to better align with Metro Title 3 requirements.
- f. Proposed changes are necessary to ensure that the building codes limit risk of flood related hazards as envisioned in Policy 14, to implement Metro Title 3 (Water Quality, Flood Management and Fish and Wildlife Conservation), and to ensure property owners maintain eligibility for insurance through the NFIP.

The Planning Commission of Multnomah County Resolves:

1. The proposed ordinance revisions in the September 14th, 2009 Staff Report (Exhibit 1), are hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.
2. Adoption of the updated DFIRM and FIS is necessary to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions, and to allow property owners to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

ADOPTED this 25th day of September, 2009.

PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



John Ingle, Chair