On June 20, 2019, the City received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that amendments to the City's Floodplain Regulations are necessary to remain in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 60.3(d and e) which allows the City to remain in the NFIP. Staff from the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration of FEMA provided City staff with a list of administrative edits to the City's Floodplain Regulations (Attachment 2) that if adopted, would satisfy the requirements of CFR Chapter 60.3 (d and e). The City Attorney's office reviewed the administrative edits and approved the revisions to Municipal Code Chapter 18.54 14.18.

On September 16, 2019, the City received a follow-up notification from FEMA that a new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for our community and will become effective on December 20, 2019. The statutory 90-day appeal period was initiated on November 1, 2017 when FEMA published a notice of proposed Flood Hazard Determinations affecting the FIRM for the community in the San Diego Union Tribune and The Star-News. Per Floodplain Regulations - Chapter 14.18.030, all subsequent amendments to the FIS and FIRM are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this title; therefore, no additional action is needed.

City staff recommends that Council adopt the resolution approving changes to the City's Floodplain Regulations and placing the ordinance on first reading.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the decision contemplated by this action and has determined that it is not site-specific and consequently, the real property holdings of the City Council members do not create a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decisionmaker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no direct fiscal impact to the General Fund due to this ordinance amendment.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no ongoing fiscal impact to the General Fund due to this ordinance amendment.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. FEMA Letter dated June 20, 2019
- 2. Updated Municipal Code 14.18
- 3. FEMA Letter dated September 16, 2019

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