

Agenda Item 25-0453: (Tim Acklin)

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and recreate Chapter 115, Article V, Division 2 Floodplain Zoning, Sections 115-207 through 115-312 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse.

General Location

City-Wide

Background Information

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WisDNR) is requiring the City to adopt the proposed model ordinance regulating floodplain activities. The WisDNR wants Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) approval of all municipal floodplain ordinances. The City's current ordinance is missing updated language and criteria regarding floodplain management in flood-prone areas, thereby prohibiting FEMA from approving it. This new model ordinance has been pre-approved by FEMA.

This proposed Ordinance does not conflict with the current moratorium on making amendments to Chapter 115 as it is considered a legally mandated amendment by the Legal Department.

Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions

N/A

Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan

Any effort to be in compliance with federal agencies and provide updated regulations and municipal code for staff to administer to the public is consistent with the comprehensive plan.

Staff Recommendation

The proposed ordinance does not offer additional relief, nor regulations, to property owners. It merely brings our ordinance into compliance with federal agencies. **This item is recommended for approval.**

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