

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
REPORT
May 2, 2016**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 16-0353 (Lewis Kuhlman)**

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections 115-207 through 115-282 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse regarding Floodplain Zoning, to maintain congruency with the Wisconsin DNR 2012 Model Ordinance.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A Committee

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) released a Model Floodplain Ordinance in 2012. It is an update to its previous Model Floodplain Ordinance, which the City adopted previously. While the City's municipal code has gone through a recodification process, the Planning and Development Department is still in the process of overhauling the zoning code. The floodplain ordinance is overdue for and the DNR can no longer wait for the City's zoning code update.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

Citywide

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

N/A

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

This ordinance is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. It includes recommendations to protect buildings from flooding and to return some areas of the floodplain to a natural state.

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

Planning Staff recommends approval of this ordinance. Updating the City's ordinance to align with the WI DNR model is an important step toward protecting the city from floods.