

ORDINANCE NO.: ____

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THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of La Crosse do ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Sec. 113-145. – Lowest Floor Restrictions in Areas with High Groundwater. is hereby created:

The lowest floor, including any basement floor, shall not be less than one (1) foot above the highest seasonal ground water level. For the purposes of this Section, the highest seasonal ground water level is defined as the upper limit of the zone of soil saturation caused by underlying ground water at its highest level. Where groundwater limitations exist, subdivision plats and certified survey maps shall state the lowest allowed floor elevation for any proposed principal Structure as needed to ensure compliance with the above noted site drainage standards. All basement elevations must comply with the subdivision plat or certified survey map or with the master grading plan referenced on the subdivision plat or certified survey map. The zoning administrator and/or building inspector may request at the owner's expense the advice and assistance of a licensed professional engineer specializing in soils engineering or other qualified person in fulfilling their duties pursuant to this provision. Building, drainage, grading or other similar plans may be required to determine compliance with this Section. The City accept no liability for construction activities involving groundwater limitations.

SECTION II: Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this division shall not be affected.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.