




**CITY OF DANIA BEACH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
STAFF REPORT**

DATE: May 27, 2014

TO: Robert Baldwin, City Manager

FROM: Marc LaFerrier, AICP, Director 

SUBJECT: Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 "Flood Damage Prevention" 1st Reading

BACKGROUND

The 2010 Florida Building Code (FBC), which became effective on March 15, 2012, included flood provisions for the first time. As a result, changes to the local floodplain management regulations are necessary to properly coordinate with the FBC in accordance with Section 553.73(1)(a) of Florida Statutes.

City staff has developed the proposed flood ordinance that is coordinated with the requirements of the FBC, and the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The proposed ordinance implements higher standards such as: base flood elevation (BFE+1 ft.), limitations on enclosure areas below elevated buildings, cumulative substantial improvements, repetitive loss in substantial damage, and protection of critical facilities.

Adoption of the proposed flood ordinance will allow the City to be reconsidered for a higher CRS rating and greater savings in flood policy premiums for the City's property owners. The ordinance also address the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirement to adopt the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that has been determined will take effect on August 18, 2014.

The draft ordinance has been reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) on behalf of the FEMA. Preceding the City's adoption the approved ordinance will be re-submitted to FDEM for final approval then submitted to FEMA for certification.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the amended Flood Ordinance.