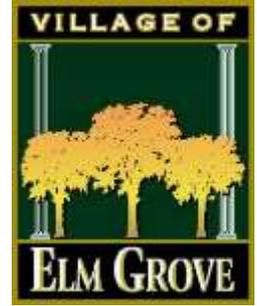


Memo



To: Legislative Committee
From: Thomas Harrigan, Zoning and Planning Administrator/Assistant Manager
Date: October 8, 2021
Re: Review of Agenda for Tuesday, October 12th, 2021

Item 3. Review and act on Draft Model Floodplain Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

As you may be aware, the Village of Elm Grove is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). As stated on the FEMA NFIP webpage:

“The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Over 1,500 communities participate nationwide. In CRS communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community’s efforts that address the three goals of the program. 1. Reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property. 2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program. And 3. Foster comprehensive floodplain management.”

In 2021, several changes were made to the prerequisites for participants within the CRS program. Most notable, the Village’s current *Floodplain Zoning Ordinance §330* will need to be revised in order to address discrepancies with the new “Freeboard” requirements of the new 2021 CRS prerequisites. In your packet of meeting materials, you will find a document titled *NFIP’s Community Rating System (CRS) Class 8 Freeboard Prerequisite*. Currently, the Village is a Class 5 CRS participant community (Classes range from 1 through 10, with 1 being highest credentialed communities). The new prerequisite affects communities in Classes 5 through 8, as the “freeboard requirement” is already implemented in Classes 1 through 4.

In working with the Village’s CRS Specialist consultant, and the Floodplain Management Policy Coordinator at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, it has been recommended the Village repeal and recreate *§330 Floodplain Zoning* by utilizing the WDNR’s Model Floodplain Ordinance. The WDNR has conducted a cross comparison of the Village’s existing Floodplain Ordinance as it relates to the changes made in the proposed WDNR Model Floodplain Ordinance.

At this time, the Legislative Committee is charged with making suggested revisions to the Model Ordinance. In the document, the areas highlighted in yellow required Village specific information which has already been incorporated into the document. Once the Legislative Committee has completed its

review, the document will be sent back to the WDNR for a final compliance review which will verify if the changes proposed meet the state and federal requirements. Once complete, the final version will be sent back to the Village for adoption.

Please see the enclosed Draft Model Floodplain Ordinance and supporting information for review. As always, if you have any questions prior to the meeting, please do not hesitate contacting us.