



Planning and Development Services

PB-14-10 TCH

Ordinance 130984

Presentation to City Commission

November 6, 2014

- **Repeal the Flood Control District regulations (Sec 30-280 thru 30-299)**
- **Replace these sections with the proposed model Floodplain Ordinance**

Background

- **The 2010 Florida Building Code**
 - Regulates the design and construction of buildings in the State
 - Became effective March 15th, 2012
 - Contains flood control regulations
- **FEMA National Flood Insurance Rate Program (NFIP)**
 - Federal program to mitigate future flood losses through community-enforced building and zoning ordinances
 - In exchange for local community participation, the Federal Government makes flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses.
 - City has participated since 1971

Background

- **The NFIP Community Rating System (CRS)**
 - Voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.

 - As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the the CRS

Floodplain Ordinance

- The new Florida Building Code flood provisions require local governments to amend their local regulations for consistency
- To facilitate this process the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) developed a model Floodplain ordinance that is consistent with the Florida Building Code and has been certified by FEMA as meeting the NFIP requirements
- Model ordinance does not make any amendments to Flood Insurance Rate Maps

Floodplain Ordinance

Adoption of the model Floodplain Ordinance is necessary for several reasons:

- **Streamline flood regulations and eliminate overlaps or inconsistencies between the City's Flood Control District regulations and the flood provisions of the 2010 Florida Building Code.**
- **Provide equivalent protection to all development in special flood hazard areas that is equal to the existing flood control regulations in the Land Development Code.**

Floodplain Ordinance

- The model ordinance is by default compliant with the requirements of the NFIP and consistent with the 2010 Florida Building Code and will not require additional FEMA review.
- The model ordinance will not change the building permit process or make any changes to applicability of flood control regulations
- Alachua County adopted the model Floodplain Ordinance in 2013. Adoption of the model ordinance by the City will create a consistent floodplain regulatory framework across both jurisdictions.

- **Approve Petition PB-14-10 TCH
and adopt Ordinance 130984**