

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: March 2, 2020
Presenter: Jane Hodges
Attachment: Yes Draft Ordinance and Information Items

ITEM TITLE: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Public Hearing

SUMMARY:

This is the first Public Hearing on adoption of a revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for Hyde County. Hyde County expects to hold an additional Public Hearing in April 2020 to ensure adequate opportunity is given for public input.

The State of North Carolina and FEMA have released updated flood maps for all of Hyde County. Flood maps serve as the cornerstone for floodplain management. The updated maps are scheduled to be effective on June 19, 2020. The updated flood maps cannot be used for flood insurance rating purposes until they become effective in June 2020.

The updated flood maps feature significant changes from the 2006 flood maps. Many properties will be re-classified as low-risk zones. Other properties that remain in a flood zone, but may have a lower base flood elevation.

Flood maps only depict those areas subject to a 1% annual chance of flooding and do not reflect other flooding sources such as heavy rainfall or elevated groundwater levels. Floods can happen anywhere. Natural hazards and storms are a part of living in Hyde County and the sustainability of our community depends on managing flood hazards from all sources.

In response to the maps, Hyde County is considering the adoption of a local elevation standard to use in conjunction with the flood maps. The local elevation standard (LES) would apply additional freeboard amounts and establish a regulatory flood elevation level where the natural grade is below a certain elevation. These regulations would apply to Hyde County Mainland and Ocracoke Island.

The Ocracoke Planning Board has met and taken input from the public and has voted to recommend to the Hyde County Board of Commissioners that a base flood map of 9 feet be adopted across the island.

Motion Made By: ___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
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___ Dick Tunnell
___ Ben Simmons
___ Tom Pahl

Motion Seconded By: ___ Earl Pugh, Jr.
___ Barry Swindell
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To review the proposed changes to the flood maps visit <https://fris.nc.gov/fris/> to see how the new maps affect changes in base flood elevation for your home and township.

The attached ordinance was provided by the NC Department of Emergency Management Floodplain Mapping Division and modified to meet the needs of Hyde County. A representative from the Floodplain Mapping Division will attend the April meeting to answer any questions if desired.

RECOMMEND: HOLD PUBLIC HEARING

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