



Ordinance 24-2020: Revising the floodplain code to reference current FEMA study

City Council Meeting
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Reason for code update



- The FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requires communities to adopt most current FEMA study
- Littleton's floodplain regulations (Title 10, Chapter 6) reference the FEMA study by its date
- This ordinance proposes to update that date reference to September 4, 2020 (date of new study)
- Littleton received letter from FEMA of this requirement on March 4

Code section

- TITLE 10 CHAPTER 6 SECTION 4 (B)(1) is the location of the FEMA report date reference, after the recent floodplain regulations update
- 10-6-3(b) is where it is located in old code

(B) Basis For Establishing Floodplains: Floodplains are identified by FEMA in a report entitled, "The Flood Insurance Study For Arapahoe County And Incorporated Areas" dated December 17, 2010, and includes flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs). This report, and any subsequent amendments thereto, are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of these regulations by this reference. The flood insurance study and FIRMs are on file and are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the following locations:

How does revision affect Littleton?

- This FEMA flood insurance study and flood insurance rate map incorporates changes in 8 floodplains in Metro area, including Little's Creek.
- The changes in the FEMA study for Little's Creek were already adopted locally by MHFD, CWCB, and city council in 2012-2013.



How does revision affect Littleton?

- With FEMA adoption, these changes now impact flood insurance
- The Little's Creek floodplain changes are both increases and decrease in flood elevation and shape/width along the creek corridor
- Some homes will be required to pay flood insurance with this change (if have a mortgage)

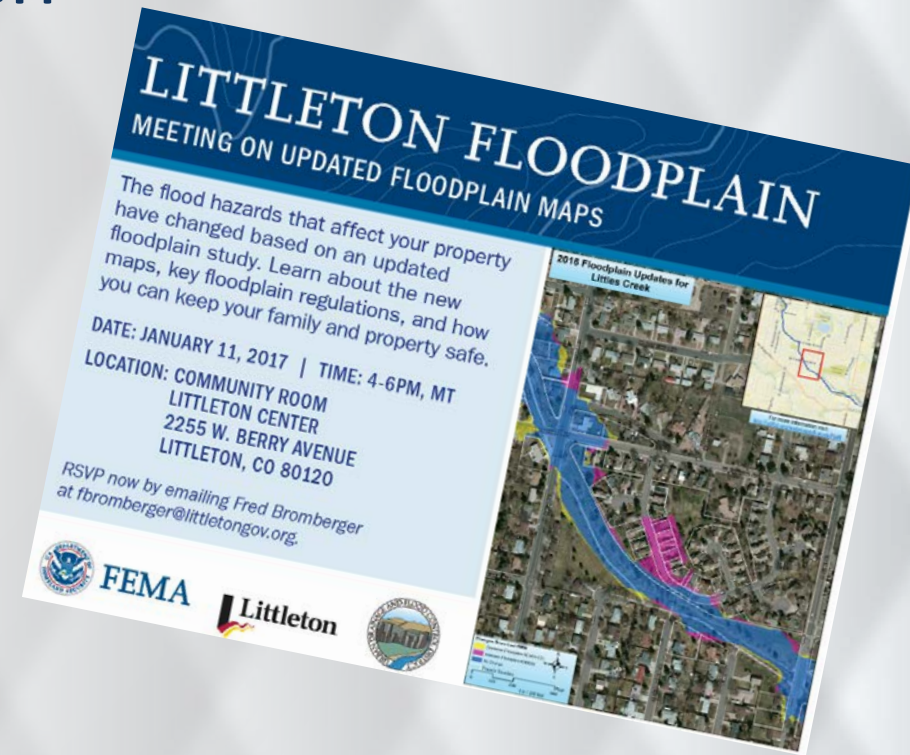


July 2012



Public Notice

- Outreach began in late 2016 and early 2017 with letters from MHFD (then UDFCD)
- Public meeting in January 2017
- Federal Register and Littleton Independent notices
- Subsequent staff and resident communications
- MHFD letter sent July 2, 2020



Staff Recommendation

To maintain city good standing in the NFIP, staff recommends that City Council approved Ordinance 24-2020 to update the date reference in Title 10 Chapter 6 (4)(b)1.

Questions?