



City of Poulsbo

PMC Chapter 15.24 – Floodplain Management Revision and Update

Overview Memo

Background:

Chapter 15.24 of the Poulsbo Municipal Code (PMC) regulates and manages development in areas of special flood hazard within the city. The City's adoption and enforcement of PMC Chapter 15.24 promotes public health, safety, and welfare by reducing loss of life and property damage due to flooding and by minimizing expenditures for flood control projects and for rescue and relief operations. Chapter 15.24 allows property owners in the City of Poulsbo to purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Periodically the Flood Insurance Maps are revised and updated by FEMA (no map change is associated with this minor update). In addition, language and references in Chapter 15.24 may be necessary to be revised and updated in order to keep the City code up-to-date. If the City codes are not adopted, then the property owners in the City of Poulsbo may lose the ability to purchase flood insurance through the NFIP.

In 2021, the Washington State Department of Ecology performed a Community Assistance Contact, evaluating the City's flood management program. As part of the assistance, Ecology staff reviewed Poulsbo Municipal Code (PMC) Chapter 15.24 – Floodplain Management for compliance with current FEMA National Flood Insurance Program requirements, identifying changes needed to stay current.

In general, the revisions to Chapter 15.24 are minor in nature; the overall intent of 15.24 remains the same. The adoption of additional definitions and minor code language updates is imperative for the City to maintain compliance with NFIP requirements and for property owners to have the ability to purchase and maintain flood insurance.

Timeline for Review and Approval:

August 15, 2022	Public Release of 2022 FEMA Floodplain Management Revision and Update
August 17, 2022	Notice of Application with Optional DNS issued
August 23, 2022	Planning Commission Workshop
August 31, 2022	Notice of Application with Optional DNS comment period over
Sept 13, 2022	Planning Commission Public Hearing
October 5, 2022	City Council Public Hearing

Additional Information and Public Notices:

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