



Community Development Department

DATE: January 23, 2024

FROM: Brady Blaskowski, Building Official

ITEM: Consider the request by the Community Development Department to provide an update on the status of the FEMA Risk MAP Project for Burleigh County.

REQUEST:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The last FEMA Risk Map update provided to the City Commission was prior to the 90-day appeal and comment period phase of the project, which lapsed on May 18, 2023. FEMA has recently issued Letters of Final Determination to the City of Bismarck and Burleigh County. The Letter of Final Determination (LFD) is a letter sent to a community stating that the flood hazard determinations are considered final and a new or updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) will become effective on a certain date and that the community is required to adopt a compliant floodplain management ordinance by that date to remain eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

According to the Letter of Final Determination received by the City of Bismarck, the new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the City of Bismarck and Burleigh County will become effective on June 6, 2024. City of Bismarck staff is in the process of reviewing the current floodplain management ordinance with a stakeholder group to determine if any modifications to the ordinance are necessary. An updated floodplain management ordinance will be provided to the City of Bismarck Board of Commissioners for consideration prior to the June 6, 2024, effective date.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:

Receive an update and discuss any questions related to this item.

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

