Date: 03/21/2024

Subject: An ordinance of the City of Littleton, Colorado, approving amendments to Title 10, Chapter 7 of the municipal code regarding updated Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map

Passed/Failed: Passed on second reading and public hearing

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 7 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING UPDATED FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY AND FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

WHEREAS the City of Littleton (the “city”) has been a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) since 1978, when floodplain maps were established in the city;

WHEREAS the Colorado Water Conservation Board (“CWCB”) initiated an action to designate a Flood Insurance Study for Arapahoe County and any incorporated municipalities within the county;

WHEREAS the study was prepared by Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) in cooperation with Arapahoe County and the incorporated municipalities within the county;

WHEREAS FEMA approved the CWCB’s study for an updated Flood Insurance Study (“FIS”) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (“FIRM”), to be effective on April 11, 2024;

WHEREAS the city’s continued participation in the NFIP is incumbent on a valid and effective floodplain ordinance and active floodplain development management by the city’s designated floodplain administrator;

WHEREAS as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, the city must adopt and make effective, the updated FIS and FIRM by April 11, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LITTLETON, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1: In this ordinance, ellipses indicate material not reproduced as the Littleton City Council intends to leave that material in effect as it now reads.

Section 2: Littleton City Code, Title 10, Unified Land Use Code, Chapter 7, Environmental Regulations, Section 10-7-1.3, titled “Applicability, Compliance, and Interpretation” is hereby amended, by adding capitalized material and deleting stricken material, as follows:
10-7-1.3: Applicability, Compliance, and Interpretation

A. Applicability. …

B. Basis for Establishing Floodplains. Floodplains and Special Flood Hazard Areas shall be the boundary of the 100-year floodplain (1% annual chance floodplain). The extent of this area shall be based upon the best available information including:

1. FIRMs. Floodplains and Special Flood Hazard Areas are identified by FEMA in a scientific report entitled, "The Flood Insurance Study for Arapahoe County And Incorporated Areas", dated September 4, 2020, APRIL 11, 2024 and accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs). …

Section 3: Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more parts, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

Section 4: Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that this repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

INTRODUCED AS A BILL at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Littleton on the 5th day of March, 2024, passed on first reading by a vote of _6_ FOR and _0_ AGAINST; and ordered published by posting at Littleton Center, Bemis Library, the Municipal Courthouse and on the City of Littleton Website.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Ordinance to take place on the 19th day of March, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, at the hour of 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

PASSED on second and final reading, following public hearing, by a vote of _7_ FOR and _0_ AGAINST on the 19th day of March, 2024 and ordered published by posting at
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ATTEST:

Colleen Norton
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Reid Betzing
CITY ATTORNEY

Colleen Norton
Kyle Schlachter
MAYOR