



City of Rochelle  
Engineering Department

## Memo

**To:** Ken Alberts, City Manager

**CC:** Chris Limas, Community Development Director  
Kip Countryman, Building Official  
Don Elliott, Supt. of Street Division  
Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)

**From:** Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

**Date:** December 8, 2010

**Re:** adoption of updated ordinance and maps per FEMA NFIP regulations

**Encl:** (1) Revised floodplain ordinance – Chapter 46, Article II, Flood Hazard Area Development of the Rochelle Municipal Code

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- 1) In April, 2010 the City of Rochelle adopted the applicable NFIP FEMA maps in or near the city limits or within the corporate limits in Lee County as well as an updated flood hazard area development ordinance. Again, as part of the ongoing map modernization program in Ogle County, the City of Rochelle has received notice that it has until December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to adopt and have the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office approve floodplain measures that satisfy 44 Code of the Federal regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(c) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations along with the revised countywide maps developed as part of the map modernization program. The City must adopt the new NFIP FEMA maps or map updates, along with associated floodplain measures such as floodplain management ordinance that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements by December 17, 2010, to avoid suspension from the NFIP.
  - 2) Lee County NFIP FEMA floodplain maps and flood insurance study(FIS) went into effect April 5, 2010 while the Ogle County NFIP FEMA floodplain maps and FIS is expected to go into effect December 17, 2010. City staff has discussed and/or met with the office of the NFIP State Coordinator at the Illinois Department of Natural resources to discuss the ordinance. At this time it appears that the revised ordinance (enclosure 1) will meet or exceed the requirements with some minor modifications. However, adoption of this ordinance will allow submittal of the necessary documents to allow IDNR and FEMA to begin the final review by December 17, 2010. Please note this ordinance will repeal and replace other ordinances adopted by the City Council to fulfill the requirements of the NFIP but is not intended to repeal the original resolution or ordinance adopted to achieve eligibility in the program.

- 3) Please consider approval of enclosure (1) conditioned upon final review, modification and/or acceptance by IDNR and FEMA as well as recodification or modifications of Chapter 46 as required by City staff.