



**STAFF REPORT – CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE
PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – OCTOBER 27, 2016**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “FLOOD PREVENTION AND PROTECTION”, AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 25, ENTITLED “FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT”, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CURRENT PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS, TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF SAID CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FLOOD RESISTANT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND TO ADOPT CURRENT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- A. Applicant:** This is a City initiated code amendment process.
- B. Request:** To repeal Chapter 25, “Flood Prevention and Protection”, and create a new Chapter 25, “Floodplain Management” in order to enact regulations consistent with current Florida Building Code requirements and Flood Hazard Maps.
- C. Location:** Citywide.
- D. Property Description and Uses:** N/A
- E. Adjacent Property Description and Uses:** N/A
- F. Background and Staff Analysis:** The existing City Code Chapter 25 was approved in 2002 by Ordinance No. 2929, and is now outdated. In association with the City’s Community Rating System recertification request, a mandatory requirement is to update existing City floodplain regulations to be consistent with the Florida Division of Emergency Management’s Model Ordinance. Enacting the proposed ordinance language will accomplish this requirement, as the City’s floodplain management code would align with the Model Ordinance, and include modernized standards for future development.
- G. Recommendation:** City staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance language.