



# City of Benbrook

## CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: 03/07/2019	REFERENCE NUMBER: G-2403	SUBJECT: Adopt Ordinance amending Chapter 15.40- Flood Hazard Protection and adopt FEMA maps	PAGE: 1 of 1
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The City of Benbrook has participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1979. As a participant, Benbrook agrees to adopt and enforce Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain regulations so that the citizens of Benbrook are eligible to purchase flood insurance. The City's floodplain regulations are codified in Chapter 15.40 of the Benbrook Municipal Code.

FEMA's current floodplain maps for the Benbrook area became effective September 25, 2009. FEMA began a map modernization process a few years ago to revise the flood maps for Tarrant County and FEMA determined that the floodplain map in Benbrook is not affected by the updated flood hazard information. However, since Benbrook is part of one or more of the revised map panels, Benbrook is required to adopt, as part of the its floodplain regulations, the new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) effective March 21, 2019.

To continue participation in the NFIP, Benbrook is required to adopt the attached Ordinance, which establishes the March 21, 2019 maps as the basis for floodplain decisions. Failure to adopt the Ordinance will invalidate all flood insurance policies in Benbrook.

The following underlined language will be added to the current regulation and the struck through text will be removed from the current regulation:

"15.40.210 - Basis for establishing areas of special flood hazard.  
The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a scientific and engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study for Tarrant County and Incorporated Areas," effective ~~September 25, 2009~~ March 21, 2019 with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and any revisions thereto are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter."

All other provisions of Chapter 15.40 Flood Hazard Protection remain unchanged.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Ordinance amending Chapter 15.40- Flood Hazard Protection and adopting the March 21, 2019 FEMA maps for use in the City.

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CITY MANAGER		DATE: