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Legislation Text

File #: 16-526, **Version:** 1

Amendment to the Sedgwick County Code regarding Floodplain Management and Adoption of New Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Set the matter for a public hearing on October 5, 2016 and direct the County Clerk to publish the notice of hearing once in the official county newspaper.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") has revised its flood insurance maps. The revised flood insurance map will be effective on December 22, 2016. Sedgwick County is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program, which means that property owners within the unincorporated area can buy flood insurance. The flood insurance is backed by FEMA. If a local government wishes to provide its residents the option to sign up for this flood insurance, the local government would need to adopt the most recently revised flood insurance map prior to its effective date. As a result, if Sedgwick County would want to continue to have this flood insurance remain an option, it would need to adopt the revised flood insurance map prior to December 22, 2016.

The draft resolution on this matter proposes to amend the Sedgwick County Code such that it would adopt FEMA's revised flood insurance map and illustrative materials dated December 22, 2016. This would supplant the County's current flood insurance map, which was made effective on May 2, 2012. A handful of other minor terminology changes that FEMA and the Kansas Department of Agriculture have suggested have also been proposed.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-766, prior to the adoption of any amendments to floodplain regulations, the County is required to submit the proposed changes to the chief engineer of the division of water resources with the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Sedgwick County staff provided the draft resolution to the chief engineer in late July and the chief engineer approved the proposed resolution on August 4, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 13-41 of the Sedgwick County Code, any amendment to Sedgwick County's Floodplain Management provisions requires at least twenty (20) days notice of the time and place of the hearing to be published in the official county newspaper.

The hearing notice proposes setting a hearing for October 5, 2016, during the Board of County Commissioners regular meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Financial Considerations: n/a

Policy Considerations: n/a

Outside Attendees: None

Multimedia Presentation: None

Legal Considerations: The authority for this action is K.S.A. 19-101 and pursuant to K.S.A. 19-212, the County may adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry. Approval requires a simple majority vote.