

Town of Odessa

Ordinance: 2012-01

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION FOR THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Town of Odessa, being aware of the recurring flooding and the threat of flooding of Appoquinimink River and the resulting damage to property located within; the Town of Odessa; and,

WHEREAS, there is a desire and need for the program of insurance coverage for those who reside or hold title to property located within such flood-prone areas: and,

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended: and,

WHEREAS, the regulations declared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency under said Act require:

- (1) an official legislative or executive act indicating a local need for flood insurance and a desire to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, and (2) assurances in the form of action by the appropriate local legislative body committing the local legislative body to certain future courses of action;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Odessa:
THAT, it will comply with the regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program:

- 1) To recognize and duly evaluate flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards in all official actions in the areas having special flood, mudslide (i.e. mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards and to take such other official action reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program; and,
- 2) To assist the Administrator at his/her request, in his/her delineation of the limits of the areas having special flood, mudslide (i.e. mudflow) or flood-related erosion hazards; and,
- 3) To provide such information concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain, mudslide (i.e. mudflow) or flood-related erosion areas as the administrator may request; and,
- 4) To maintain for public inspection and furnish upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within all areas having special flood hazards identified on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), any certificates of flood proofing, and information on the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the level of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved

structures, and include whether or not such structures contain a basement, and if the structure has been flood-proofed, the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was flood proofed: and,

- 5) To cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify flood plain, mudslide (i.e. mudflow) or flood-related erosion areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to the management of adjoining flood plain, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards; and,
- 6) Upon occurrence, to notify the Administrator in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified by annexation or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that all FIRM's accurately represent the community's boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or new area for which the community has assumed or relinquished flood plain management regulatory authority and,
- 7) To appoint the Mayor with the responsibility, authority, and means to implement the commitments made herein and to submit annually or biennially a report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.

First Reading: March 5, 2012
Second Reading: April 2, 2012

By Council Member: Kathleen Harvey

VOTE: Harvey Smith, Aye
Lindsay Rice, Aye
Betts Jackson, Aye
John Freeman, Aye
Kathy Harvey, Aye

Adopted this 2nd day of April, 2012

Signed: Kathleen H. Harvey
(Mayor)

Attest: Barbara Roberts
(Secretary)

