



City of Galveston

October 19, 2021

Honorable Mayor Brown
and City Council
Galveston, Texas

Dear Mayor and Council:

Subject: Discuss and consider for adoption an Ordinance of the City of Galveston, Texas, amending Chapter 10, "Building Code" of the Code of the City of Galveston, 1982, as amended, by amending Article VIII, "City of Galveston Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance" and updating the City Codes for regulations pertaining to flood damage prevention

I. Background/Analysis:

- A. Staff was notified by Mechelle Olivier, CRS Specialist with ISO, that the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance required revision in order to remain at the current Class 6 rating. A Class 6 allows a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums to the majority of policyholders in the City of Galveston.
- B. For all new and substantially improved residential structures (including manufactured homes), the lowest floor and all servicing equipment shall be elevated to a minimum of 18 inches above the base flood elevation.
- C. For all structures in all flood zones, removed requirement of non-conversion agreements and inspections for enclosures below the base flood elevation.
- D. The City of Galveston is currently under the 2019 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (Ordinance No.19-028) and the 2019 Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).
- E. The City's flood damage prevention ordinance can be found in Chapter 10, "Building Code," Article VIII "City of Galveston Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance".
- F. To increase the availability of its residents and the community to access the City's most recent codes and regulations pertaining to flood damage prevention, Staff recommends amending Article VIII, "City of Galveston Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance" to the Building Codes of the City of Galveston.





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II. Recommendation:

1. Staff recommends that the City Council amend the City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as provided.

III. Fiscal Impact:

- A. If the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is not updated, the City will be retrograded to a CRS class 9. As a result, flood insurance premiums for policyholders located in the floodplain would increase by 15%.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ewald, Building Official
Building Department

10-19-21
Date

Attachments:

Amended City Flood Damage Prevention
Ordinance

