

January 6, 2022

Mayor Sokhary Chau
and
Members of the City Council

Christine McCall
Assistant City Manager/Acting DPD Director
R. Eric Slagle
Director of Development Services
David Fuller
Building Commissioner

REFERENCE: Report and Recommendation on the proposed zoning code amendment to the Lowell Zoning Code, Section IX Overlay Districts, specifically Section 9.1 entitled Flood Plain Overlay District (FPOD).

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the City Council:

The Lowell Planning Board held a Public Hearing on Monday, January 3, 2022 concerning a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to Section 9.1 entitled Floodplain Overlay District (FPOD) of the Lowell Zoning Code.

Member Gerard Frechette motioned and Member Richard Lockhart seconded to issue a POSITIVE recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment request for the following reasons:

1. The Board found the proposed update would bring the City's Floodplain Ordinance into compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) model bylaw; and
2. The Board found that the proposed amendment ensures that Lowell residents continue to qualify for federal flood insurance, and the City continues to qualify for certain types of federal disaster assistance.

The Board voted unanimously to issue a positive recommendation. A quorum of the Planning Board was present with Member Malavich, and Associate Member Gallivan absent.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact me at the Division of Development Services at 978-674-1424.

Sincerely,


Eric Slagle
Director of Development Services

Attachment

cc: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager
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Thomas C. Linnehan and the Members of the Lowell Planning Board