

## **MOTION 2014-1 (Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance) / UDO MOTION 2014-1**

### **TEXT AMENDMENT TO UPDATE EFFECTIVE DATE OF FEMA FLOOD HAZARD AREA MAPS**

Because the UDO has been adopted but is not yet enacted, BOTH the UDO and the still-in-effect Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance are being revised by this combined action. The purpose of this Motion is to revise the official date of the Flood Maps and Flood Study that cover all of the Town of Matthews. That date has been March 2, 2009 and will now become February 19, 2014.

In current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance this is found at: § 151.08  
In new UDO, this is found at: § 155.902.B.

#### ***Basis for establishing the Special Flood Hazard Areas***

*The FEMA and Community Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified in the effective Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Mecklenburg County dated ~~March 2, 2009~~, February 19, 2014 and its accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), and local or FEMA approved revisions to the FIRM and/or FIS which are adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance/Chapter.*

**\*\*\*\* FEMA requires that this new date be adopted into our local ordinances by the designated new effective date of February 19, 2014.**



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Matthews Town Hall  
232 Matthews Station Street  
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**Re: Matthews Floodplain Ordinance – - Proposed Text Amendment**

Dear Commissioners:

Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services administers the Floodplain Ordinance for the Town of Matthews as well as all other jurisdictions in Mecklenburg County. One of our duties is to ensure that floodplain map (used locally to regulate new development and used by FEMA for flood insurance purposes) are accurate and reflect the most up to date information.

The floodplain maps that cover the Town of Matthews have recently been revised. The updated maps depict revised floodplain areas and elevations along the FEMA regulated streams in Matthews including portions of Four Mile, Irvins and McAlpine Creeks. All property owners with land touching the floodplain areas were notified by mail of the proposed map changes and invited to several public meetings in the Matthews area over the past 3 years. Their input was included in the final version of the maps which will become the official maps in February. In general, floodplain areas are smaller and the flood elevations are lower than those shown on the previous floodplain maps.

These maps officially become effective on February 19, 2014 and this date will be recorded in the Federal Register. This date is mandated by FEMA and all jurisdictions impacted by the new maps must amend their floodplain ordinance to include this effective date in their floodplain ordinances prior to February 19, 2014.

The Town of Matthews floodplain ordinance has a section entitled "**Basis for establishing the Special Flood Hazard Areas**" which currently includes the effective date from the previous maps which is "**March 2, 2009**". This date must be changed to "**February 19, 2014**". This is the only amendment to the Matthews Floodplain Ordinance requested at this time.

Please call me at 704-336-3734 or email me at [bill.tingle@mecklenburgcountync.gov](mailto:bill.tingle@mecklenburgcountync.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Tingle".

Bill Tingle  
Floodplain Administrator



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