


June 6, 2023

Item #8




Council and Authorities Concurrent Meeting

Item # 8 RTC 23-740

Action on Ordinance to Repeal Chapter 15.45 (Prevention of Flood Damage) and Adopt New Floodplain Management Ordinance Chapter 15.45 (Floodplain Management Regulations)

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City of Santa Clara
The Center of What's Possible

Floodplain Management Ordinance

Background

- At the May 9, 2023 Council meeting, proposed Ordinance No. 2060 was passed for the purpose of publication
- Proposed Ordinance No. 2060 would replace the City's existing floodplain regulations with new regulations recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) in order to maintain the City's "Community Rating System" rating, which affects flood insurance rates

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Background

- The ordinance will repeal existing City Code Chapter 15.45 (Prevention of Flood Damage Code) and replace it with a new Chapter 15.45 (Floodplain Management Regulations) to coordinate with the California Building Standards Code; adopt flood hazard maps; and designate a floodplain administrator
- Substantive elements of the FEMA model ordinance are already in the City Code, but adopting specific FEMA language will streamline FEMA review

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Recommendation

1. Approve the Use of CEQA Exemption Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), Projects Which Do Not Have the Potential for Causing a Significant Effect on the Environment
2. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance No. 2060 to Repeal Chapter 15.45 (Prevention of Flood Damage Code) and Adopt the New Floodplain Management Ordinance Establishing a New Chapter 15.45 (Floodplain Management Regulations) of the Santa Clara City Code

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The seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, is circular. It features a central illustration of a mission-style building with a red roof and a bell tower, set against a blue sky and green landscape. The year "1852" is printed below the building. The outer ring of the seal contains the text "CITY OF SANTA CLARA CALIFORNIA" at the top and "THE MISSION CITY" at the bottom, separated by a dotted line.

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