

AMENDING SECTION 26-23-5
LAFAYETTE CODE OF ORDINANCES
FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS
ADOPTING THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE STUDY (FIS)
FOR BOULDER COUNTY, DATED AUGUST 15, 2019

City Council – August 6, 2019

Public Hearing

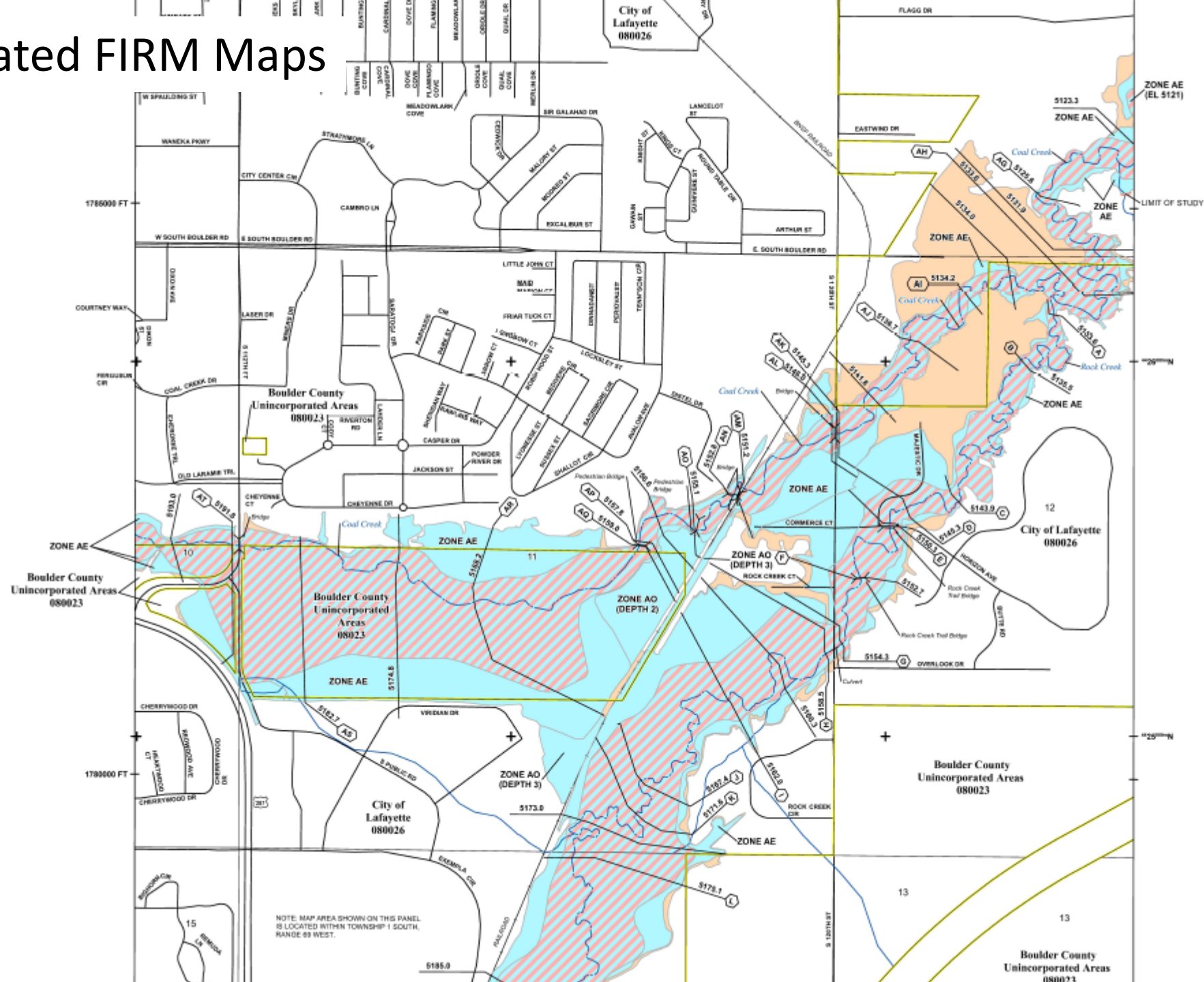
Why the change?

- FEMA has completed a Flood Insurance Rate Study for Boulder County, dated August 15, 2019 (FIS).
- This FIS will become effective as of August 15, 2019.
- Boulder County communities must adopt the FIS prior to or by August 15, 2019 in order to remain eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- The Study includes new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Lafayette.
- FEMA has indicated that no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data from the previous FIS completed in 2012.
- Balance of current floodplain regulations have been reviewed by FEMA and found to be in compliance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations.
- The City was involved in the study providing info on areas known to have been impacted by the 2013 flood and reviewing for compliance letters of map revision (LOMR's) completed for property in the City since the last study in 2012.
- The City Engineer has reviewed the study and revised maps and found them to be complete and accurate in reflecting current conditions.

Impact on residents/property owners?

- Adoption of Study and Maps does not automatically require a property owner to purchase flood insurance.
- If a property is identified within a Flood Hazard Area, where it wasn't previously, Federal law requires notification of the property owner by FEMA.
- If a property owner must purchase flood insurance, adoption of the FIS and FIRM will allow the property owner to purchase insurance at a reduced rate through the National Flood Insurance Program operated by the Federal Government.
- Staff is not aware of residential properties that are affected by the new study. A few lots in the Vista Business Park were affected and those property owners have developed the sites in anticipation of adoption of the new study.
- The only other known affected properties are either City of Lafayette open space land with no permanent structures or unincorporated Boulder County open space.

2019 Updated FIRM Maps



Chapter 26 Changes

- Amend Section 26-23-5. Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard, as follows:

Section 26-23-5, Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard.

The special flood hazard areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a scientific and engineering report entitled, "The Flood Insurance Study for Boulder County, Colorado," dated **August 15, 2019**, (FIS) with accompanying flood insurance rate maps and/or flood boundary-floodway maps (FIRM and/or FBFM) and any revisions thereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Section. These special flood hazard areas identified by the FIS and attendant mapping are the minimum area of applicability of this ordinance and may be supplemented by studies designated and approved by the city council of the City of Lafayette. The floodplain administrator shall keep a copy of the FIS, DFIRMs, FIRMs and/or FBFMs on file and available for public inspection.

Proposed Motion

Approval on 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 23, Series 2019 amending Section 26-23-5 of the Lafayette Code of Ordinances adopting the Flood Insurance Rate Study for Boulder County dated, August 15, 2019 and accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

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Questions

Discussion

Motion