



COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: March 26, 2024
CATEGORY: Consent
DEPT.: Public Works
TITLE: **Floodplain Management Ordinance—
Amendment (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Find the proposed amendments to Chapter 8 (Buildings) of the Mountain View City Code to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15060(c)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines as the amendments will not result in a direct or reasonable foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and Section 15060(c)(3) as the amendments are not a project as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.
2. Adopt an Ordinance of the City of Mountain View Amending Sections 8.174.2, 8.174.4, 8.174.5, and 8.174.8 of Chapter 8 (Buildings), Article VIII (Floodplain Management) of the Mountain View City Code to Bring the Design and Installation of Manufactured Homes into Compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program and Finding the Ordinance is Not a Project Under the California Environmental Quality Act to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report). (First Reading: 6-0)

SUMMARY

On March 19, 2024, the City Council held a public hearing and introduced an ordinance to amend Article VIII (“Floodplain Management”) of Chapter 8 of the Mountain View City Code. The amendment clarifies that manufactured homes and associated mechanical equipment, located outside of mobile home parks, are subject to Section R322 Flood-Resistant Construction section of the California Residential Code. This amendment requires the minimum elevation of the lowest floor for all residential buildings and structures, including manufactured homes located outside of mobile home parks, be elevated a minimum of 1’ above the base flood elevation. The amendment provides benefits to the community, including consistency with the adopted Building Code for elevation requirements and meeting the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System to maintain a Class 7 rating.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City should Council approve the recommended action. The amendment to the City Code provides clarification without adding additional requirements above the adopted Building Code and will not require additional City resources.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting. The ordinance was published at least two days prior to adoption in accordance with City Charter Section 522.

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Attachment: 1. Ordinance of the City of Mountain View Amending Article VIII of Chapter 8 (and finding the ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act)

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