



## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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**SUBJECT:**  
Review of public engagement process associated with the proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) revisions.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information to the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) concerning the engagement process associated with reviewing and determining if an appeal is warranted of specific areas included in the revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM).

### **Background**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently completed a study of the Harpeth River Watershed and have submitted revised FIRMs for review. Based on the new data, predominate FIRM changes expand the limits of the existing 100 year floodplain and floodway. There are a few areas that decrease the existing limits of the 100-year floodplain and floodway too.

The FIRM changes impact numerous properties. After official notification of the revised FIRMs has been published in the Federal Register and Tennessean private property owners and the City will have ninety (90) days to file an appeal. The Building and Neighborhood Services and Engineering Departments and Floodplain Manager Shanna McCoy have developed a schedule for assisting citizens with understanding the changes, flood insurance requirements, and the appeal process. This schedule is attached.

City staff is in the process of becoming familiar with the changes and potential impact too. After meeting with citizens, staff will offer a recommendation to the BOMA on whether to proceed with filing a formal appeal. Appeals can be filed by private property owners or the City and must include a study that supports the appeal. Obviously there would be a cost associated with studying and assembling this supporting documentation.

**Financial Impact**

Until such time the FIRMs are official, the true financial impact associated with the loss of developable property and on the value of existing, developed parcels now determined to be within the floodplain and floodway is unknown.

**Recommendation**

This presentation is for informational purposes only.

**Attachments:**

- FIRM Review Schedule
- Proposed FIRM