

ORDINANCE

SUBJECT: FLOODPLAIN ZONING

COMMITTEE: PLANNING RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FIRST CONSIDERATION: October 20, 2011

FINAL CONSIDERATION: November 14, 2011

ORDINANCE # 95 – 11/11 **PUBLICATION DATE** November 26, 2011

The County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County does ordain as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY,
WISCONSIN ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN ZONING"**

ANALYSIS

The changes in Chapter 16 by this amendment are required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and they also update and make necessary corrections to the ordinance. The main changes are as follows:

1. The change to the official maps in s. 16.07 is required to continue eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and to reflect new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) as required by FEMA and the WDNR.
2. Definitions of "hydraulic reach" are deleted as unnecessary.
3. Notes and other changes are added to comply with the WDNR model floodplain zoning ordinance.
4. Section 16.17 of the current ordinance regarding base flood elevations is deleted at the request of the WDNR.
5. Changes to regulations in floodway areas and changes to flood elevation references from 0.1 ft. to 0.0 ft. are made to comply with FEMA requirements.
6. Other changes correct errors and update the ordinance to reflect current names of agencies or committees.

INFORMATION:

County Board Rules: Governing Body s. 2.02(8) states, in part: Ordinances are drafted by the Corporation Counsel. After the ordinance has been reviewed by a standing committee, each Supervisor will be given a copy of the ordinance showing the deleted language (grayed) and the new language (underlined) and an analysis of the intent of the ordinance. After introduction to the County Board, the ordinance shall be referred to the next monthly meeting unless waived by a 2/3 vote of the Supervisors present and a public hearing may be held if requested by a Supervisor. An amendment may be introduced and debated at either the original or the referred meeting. Copies of the ordinances of the County of La Crosse in their entirety are available with Corporation Counsel, County Clerk, or www.co.la-crosse.wi.us/code/.

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