

**ORDINANCE NO. .**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS (CHAPTER 35.5 OF THE COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE) TO ADD AND AMEND SPECIFIC LANGUAGE (DESIGNATION OF FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR AND AUTO-ADOPT CLAUSE) IN THE “GENERAL PROVISIONS” SECTION OF THIS CHAPTER**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,  
**ORDAINS** as follows

**SECTION 1.** The San Mateo County Ordinance Code (Zoning Regulations), Division VI, Part One, Chapter 35.5 (Flood Hazard Areas), Section 6820, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 6820. FINDINGS.**

- (a) Areas of Special Flood Hazards and Coastal High Hazard Areas exist within the unincorporated territory of San Mateo County. These areas are subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
  
- (b) These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in Areas of Special Flood Hazards which increase flood heights and

velocities, and which may cause damages in other areas. Structures that are not adequately flood-proofed anchored, properly elevated or otherwise protected from flood damage may also contribute to the flood loss.

**SECTION 2.** The San Mateo County Ordinance Code (Zoning Regulations), Division VI, Part One, Chapter 35.5 (Flood Hazard Areas), Section 6824.2, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**SECTION 6824.2. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.**

- (a) The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the “Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for San Mateo County,” dated October 16, 2014, with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFMs), dated October 16, 2012, and all subsequent amendments and/or revisions, are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Chapter. This FIS and attendant mapping is the minimum area of applicability of this Chapter and may be supplemented by studies for other areas which allow implementation of this ordinance and which are recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the Floodplain Administrator. The study, FIRMs and FBFMs are on file at the San Mateo County Planning and Building Department, 455 County Center, Second Floor; Redwood City, CA 94063.

- (b) In the event the National Flood Insurance Program should be terminated with no successor program, the most current FIRM or successor thereof shall remain in use for purposes of this Chapter.
- (c) Maps used to designate Areas of Special Flood Hazard pursuant to this section shall be made an appendix to the County's Zoning Maps. Any changes to such maps shall not require a text amendment action as otherwise required in Chapter 27 of this Part.

**SECTION 3.** The San Mateo County Ordinance Code (Zoning Regulations), Division VI, Part One, Chapter 35.5 (Flood Hazard Areas), Section 6824.9, is hereby added to read as follows:

**SECTION 6824.9. DESIGNATION OF THE FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR.**

The San Mateo County Community Development Director is hereby appointed to administer, implement, and enforce this Chapter by granting or denying development permits in accord with its provisions.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after adoption by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

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