

**186. AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING FLOOD PLAIN
MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF GROTON'S
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE
PROGRAM", AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #73
(INITIALLY APPROVED APRIL 4, 2011; FINALLY
APPROVED MAY 16, 2011)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON

1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to insure eligibility for continued participation by the City of Groton in the National Flood Insurance Program. The provisions of this ordinance concerning floodplain management, shall apply to the areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for New London County, Connecticut, dated July 18, 2011, and accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), dated July 18, 2011, and other supporting data applicable to the City of Groton.
2. All official boards and commissions of the City of Groton shall take into account flood and flood-related erosion hazards to the extent they are known, in all official actions, relating to land management and use.
3. Before issuing a permit for any new construction or substantial improvements within the A, AE and VE zones on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), the Zoning and Building Official shall review the permit application to determine that the proposed building site is reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in an area of special flood hazard the requirements of Section 4.7, Flood Protection, of the City of Groton Zoning Regulations, and the latest change to the Connecticut Basic Building Code as outlined in the Section titled "Flood Resistant Construction" shall apply.
4. The Building Official shall (I) obtain the as-built elevation of all new and substantially improved structures within the A, AE and VE zones in the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and whether or not such structures contain a basement, (II) obtain, if the structure has been flood proofed, the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was flood proofed, (III) maintain a public record of all such information, and (IV) in coastal high hazard areas (VE zones), the building official shall record the elevation of the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member for all new construction and substantial improvements to structures.
5. The Building Official shall, prior to issuing any permit for construction or other development, require evidence from the applicant for such permit that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by federal or state law, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334.

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6. The Building Official shall notify the applicant that the issuance of a variance (I) will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance, and (II) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. The Zoning and Building Official shall (I) maintain a record of all variance actions, including justification for their issuance, and (II) report such variances issued in its annual report submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on April 9, 2011 and April 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall amend Ordinance #73 and become effective on or before July 18, 2011;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council Finally Approve "An Ordinance Concerning Flood Plain Management for the City of Groton's Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program", Amendment to Ordinance #73.

Initially approved: April 4, 2011

Finally approved: May 16, 2011


Marian K. Galbraith, Mayor


Debra Patrick, City Clerk