

ORDINANCE NO. 125-81

AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE, AND TO MINIMIZE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LOSSES DUE TO FLOOD CONDITIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE COUNTY BY METHODS AND PROVISIONS DESIGNED FOR THE CONTROL AND USE OF PROPERTY IN THE BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO, FLOOD PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF DEFINITIONS FOR USE IN SAID ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE LANDS TO WHICH THIS ORDINANCE SHALL APPLY AND THE BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARDS; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SAID ACT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR OF SAID ACT AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING THE PROCEDURE FOR AND REVIEWING OF PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR USE OF OTHER BASE FLOOD DATA; PROVIDING FOR THE INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED AND MAINTAINED WITH RESPECT TO ALL NEW OR STRUCTURALLY IMPROVED STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR ALTERATIONS OF WATER COURSES; INTERPRETATION OF "FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP" (FIRM) BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING GENERAL STANDARDS REQUIRED IN ALL AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARDS WITH RESPECT TO ANCHORING, CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS AND METHODS, UTILITIES, SUBDIVISION PROPOSALS, REVIEW OF BUILDING PERMITS, RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, NONRESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, MOBILE HOMES AND FLOODWAYS; PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM FLOOD-PROOF BASEMENT DESIGN REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SHALLOW FLOODING AREAS WITH DEPTH DESIGNATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY BY BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO, AND THE FEDERAL INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING WHEN SAID ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO, TO-WIT:

SECTION 1 - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare, and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by methods and provisions designed for:

- (1) Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;
- (2) Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (3) Controlling the alteration of natural flood plains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;
- (4) Controlling filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage; and,
- (5) Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert flood waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS:

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application.

"AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD" means the land in the flood plain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.

"BASE FLOOD" means the flood having a one percent chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year.

"DEVELOPMENT" means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations located within the area of special flood hazard.

"FLOOD" or "FLOODING" means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

- (1) The overflow of inland or tidal waters and/or
- (2) The unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.

"FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP" (FIRM) means the official map on which the Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

"FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY" means the official report provided by the Federal Insurance Administration that includes flood profiles, the Flood Boundary-Floodway Map, and the water surface elevation of the base flood.

"FLOODWAY" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.

"HABITABLE FLOOR" means any floor usable for living purposes, which includes working, sleeping, eating, cooking or recreation, or a combination thereof. A floor used only for storage purposes is not a "habitable floor."

"MOBILE HOME" means a structure that is transportable in one or more sections, built on a permanent chassis, and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. It does not include recreational vehicles or travel trailers.

"NEW CONSTRUCTION" means structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date of this ordinance.

"START OF CONSTRUCTION" means the first placement of permanent construction of a structure (other than a mobile home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footings or any work beyond the stage of excavation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling, nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not as part of the main structure.

"STRUCTURE" means a walled and roofed building or mobile home that is principally above ground.

"SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT" means any repair, reconstruction, or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either:

- (1) before the improvement or repair is started, or
- (2) if the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred. For the purpose of this definition, "substantial improvement" is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure.

SECTION 3 - GENERAL PROVISIONS:

3.1 LANDS TO WHICH THIS ORDINANCE APPLIES:

This ordinance shall apply to all areas of special flood hazards within the jurisdiction of Bonneville County, Idaho.

3.2 BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Insurance Administration in a scientific and engineering report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study for Bonneville County, Idaho," dated Nov. 4, 1981, with accompanying Flood Insurance Maps is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. The Flood Insurance Study is on file at the Planning & Zoning Office of Bonneville County, Idaho, 605 N. Capital Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

SECTION 4 - ADMINISTRATION:

4.1 ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

A development permit shall be obtained before construction or development begins within any area of special flood hazard established in Section 3.2. The permit shall be for all structures including mobile homes, as set forth in the "DEFINITIONS," and for all other development including fill and other activities, also as set forth in the "DEFINITIONS."

4.2 DESIGNATION OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Bonneville County Building Official is hereby appointed to administer and implement this ordinance by granting or denying development permit applications in accordance with its provisions.

4.3 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

Duties of the Bonneville County Building Official shall include, but not be limited to:

4.3-1 Permit Review

- (1) Review all development permits to determine that the permit requirements of this ordinance have been satisfied.
- (2) Review all development permits to determine that all necessary permits have been obtained from those federal, state or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required.
- (3) Review all development permits to determine if the proposed development is located in the floodway. If located in the floodway, assure that the encroachment provisions of Section 5.3(1) are met.

4.3-2 Use of Other Base Flood Data

When base flood elevation data has not been provided in accordance with Section 3.2, BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD, the Bonneville County Building Official shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation data available from a federal, state or other source, in order to administer Sections 5.2-1, SPECIFIC STANDARDS, Residential Construction, and 5.2-2, SPECIFIC STANDARDS, Nonresidential Construction.

4.3-3 Information to be Obtained and Maintained

- (1) Obtain and record the actual elevation (in-relation to mean sea level) of the lowest habitable floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures, and whether or not the structure contains a basement.
- (2) For all new or substantially improved flood-proofed structures:
 - (i) verify and record the actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level), and
 - (ii) maintain the flood-proofing certifications required in Section 5.2-2(3).

4.3-4 Alteration of Watercourses

- (1) Notify adjacent communities and the State of Idaho prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit evidence of such notification to the Federal Insurance Administration.
- (2) Require that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity is not diminished.

4.3-5 Interpretation of FIRM Boundaries

Make interpretations where needed, as to exact location of the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazards (for example, where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions). The person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation. Such appeals shall be granted consistent with the standards of Section 1910.6 of the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program (24 CFR 1909, etc.)

SECTION 5- PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD PROTECTION:

5.1 GENERAL STANDARDS

In all areas of special flood hazards, the following standards are required:

5.1-1 Anchoring

- (1) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure.
- (2) All mobile homes shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement by providing over-the-top and frame ties to ground anchors. Specific requirements shall be that:
 - (i) over-the-top ties be provided at each of the four corners of the mobile home, with two additional ties per side at intermediate locations, with mobile homes less than 50 feet long requiring one additional tie per side;
 - (ii) frame ties be provided at each corner of the home with five additional ties per side at intermediate points, with mobile homes less than 50 feet long requiring four additional ties per side;
 - (iii) all components of the anchoring system be capable of carrying a force of 4,800 pounds; and,
 - (iv) any additions to the mobile home be similarly anchored.
- (3) An alternative method of anchoring may involve a system designed to withstand a wind force of 90 miles per hour or greater. Certification must be provided to the Bonneville County that this standard has been met.

5.1-2 Construction Materials and Methods

- (1) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage.
- (2) All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed using methods and practices that minimize flood damage.

5.1-3 Utilities

- (1) All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system;
- (2) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharge from the systems into flood waters; and,
- (3) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid

impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.

5.1-4 Subdivision Proposals

- (1) All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage;
- (2) All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
- (3) All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and,
- (4) Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision proposals and other proposed development which contain at least 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less).

5.1-5 Review of Building Permits

Where elevation data is not available, applications for building permits shall be reviewed to assure that proposed construction will be reasonably safe from flooding. The test of reasonableness is a local judgment and includes use of historical data, high water marks, photographs of past flooding, etc., where available.

5.2 SPECIFIC STANDARDS

In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data has been provided as set forth in Section 3.2 BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD or Section 4.3-2, Use of Other Base Flood Data, the following provisions are required:

5.2-1 Residential Construction

New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above base flood elevation; unless a basement exception is applied for by the County and granted by FIA in complying with Section 60.6 (b) page 11 of the NFI.

5.2-2 Nonresidential Construction

New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to the level of the base flood elevation; or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:

- (1) be flood-proofed one foot above the base flood level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
- (2) have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and,
- (3) be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the standards of this subsection are satisfied. Such certifications shall be provided to the official as set forth in Section 4.3-3(2).

5.2-3 Mobile Homes

- (1) Mobile homes shall be anchored in accordance with Section 5.1-1.
- (2) For new mobile home parks and mobile home subdivisions; for expansions to existing mobile home parks and mobile home subdivisions; for existing mobile home parks and mobile home subdivisions where the repair, reconstruction or improvement of the streets, utilities and pads equals or exceeds 50 percent of value of the streets, utilities and pads before the repair, reconstruction or improvement has commenced; and for mobile homes not placed in a mobile home park or mobile home subdivision, require that:

- (i) stands or lots are elevated on compacted fill or on pilings so that the lowest floor of the mobile home will be at or above the base flood level;
- (ii) adequate surface drainage and access for a hauler are provided; and,
- (iii) in the instance of elevation on pilings, that:

- lots are large enough to permit steps,
- piling foundations are placed in stable soil no more than ten feet apart, and
- reinforcement is provided for pilings more than six feet above the ground level.

- (3) No mobile home shall be placed in a floodway, except in an existing mobile home park or existing mobile home subdivision.

5.3 FLOODWAYS

Located within areas of special flood hazard established in Section 3.2 are areas designated as floodways. Since the floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of flood waters which carry debris, potential projectiles and erosion potential, the following provisions apply:

- (1) Prohibit encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development unless certification by a registered professional engineer or architect is provided demonstrating that encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- (2) If Section 5.3 (1) is satisfied, all new construction and substantial improvements shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of Section 5.0 PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION.
- (3) Prohibit the placement of any mobile homes, except in an existing mobile home park or existing mobile home subdivision.

5.4 SHALLOW FLOODING AREAS-WITH DEPTH DESIGNATIONS (AO ZONES)

Shallow flooding zones appear in FIRM's, with depth designations, wherever such flooding occurs on sloping water surfaces such as alluvial fan flow, wave wash after the wave has broken, etc. In these areas, the following provisions apply:

- (1) New construction and substantial improvements of residential structures within AO zones shall have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the adjacent grade of the building site, to or above the depth number specified on the FIRM. Where appropriate, such structures shall be elevated above the crown of the nearest road, to or above the depth number specified on the FIRM. Where hazardous velocities are noted in the FIRM, consideration shall be given to mitigating the effects of these velocities through proper construction techniques and methods.
- (2) New construction and substantial improvements of non residential structures within AO zone shall have either:
 - (1) Have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated above the adjacent grade of the building site, to or above the depth number specified within the FIRM where appropriated, such structures shall be elevated about the crown of the nearest road to or above the depth number specified on the FIRM or:
 - (2) Together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities be completely flood proofed one (1) foot above that level, that any space below that level is water tight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage pf water and with structural componants having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hidrodynamic loads and effect of buoyancy if this method is used,compliance shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect.

SECTION 6- WARNING AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

The degree of flood protection required by this ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This ordinance does not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazards or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This ordinance shall not create liability on the part of Bonneville County, Idaho, any officer or employee thereof, or the Federal Insurance Administration, for any flood damages that result from reliance on this ordinance or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

SECTION 7 - VARIANCE:

In order to secure a variance from the requirements of this ordinance in order to secure a building permit, an applicant for such a permit may follow the variance procedures set forth in the Federal Registry Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Insurance Administration, Nation Flood Insurance Program, Volume 41, No. 207, Section 1910.6, dated October 26, 1976, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Office, which regulations are hereby adopted by reference, and declared to be a part of this ordinance.

SECTION 9 - EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication in the manner required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Bonneville County, Idaho, this 13th day of October, 1981.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO

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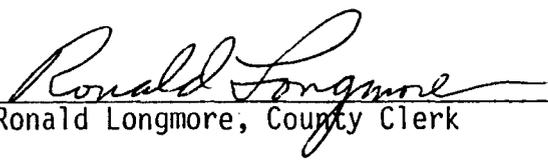
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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF IDAHO)
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COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE)

I, Ronald Longmore, County Clerk of the County of Bonneville,
State of Idaho, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full,
true, and correct copy of an ordinance entitled:

Ordinance NO. 125-81



Ronald Longmore, County Clerk

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