

ORDINANCE NO. 2812

AN ORDINANCE REVISING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.84 OF THE OCCGF, PERTAINING TO THE LAND USE REGULATIONS APPLIED TO ALL IDENTIFIED ONE-HUNDRED-YEAR FLOODPLAINS WITHIN THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.84 of the Great Falls, Montana City Code provides the land use regulations for identified one-hundred-year floodplains within the City of Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, the identification of one-hundred-year floodplains is now based on the City of Great Falls updated *Flood Insurance Study*, with an effective date of February 15, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls Floodplain Regulations are meant to ensure compliance with the requirements for the continued participation by the City of Great Falls in the National Flood Insurance Program.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Title 17, Chapter 17.84, OCCGF, pertaining to the land use regulations applied to all one-hundred-year floodplains within the City of Great Falls, be revised as depicted in Exhibit A in its entirety, where any language indicated by a strike-out be removed, and any language be added which is in bold type.

PASSED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA, this 2nd day of January, 2002.

Randall H. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David V. Gliko, City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade : ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was placed on its final passage and passed by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, at a meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of January, 2002.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City this 2nd day of January, 2002.

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

State of Montana)
County of Cascade : ss
City of Great Falls)

Peggy J. Bourne, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That on the 2nd day of January, 2002, and prior thereto, she was the City Clerk of Great Falls, Montana; that as said City Clerk she did publish and post by law and as prescribed and directed by the Commission of said city to wit:

On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Civic Center Building;
On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Cascade County Courthouse;
On the Bulletin Board, Great Falls Public Library

Peggy J. Bourne, City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

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EXHIBIT A

17.84.020 Adoption. This Chapter contains the set of comprehensive land use regulations for identified one-hundred-year floodplains within the City of Great Falls. Identification of one-hundred-year floodplains is based on City of Great Falls *Flood Insurance Study*, dated ~~November 3, 1981~~ **February 15, 2002**. All other ordinances are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistencies. (Ord. 2596 2(part), 1991: Or. 2458 2(part), 1987).

17.84.050 Definitions.

Z. "Official floodplain maps" means the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary-Floodway Maps provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the City of Great Falls, dated ~~November 3, 1981~~ **February 15, 2002**.

17.84.330 Floodway Fringe.

B. Uses Requiring Permits.

4. The new construction, alteration, and...

a. If the structure is designed to allow internal flooding of the lowest floor, use of the lowest floor shall be limited to parking, loading areas, building access and storage of equipment or materials not appreciably affected by floodwaters. ~~The floors and walls shall be designed and constructed of materials resistant to flooding to an elevation no lower than two feet above the one-hundred-year flood elevation. Walls shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic forces by allowing for entry and exit of floodwaters. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves, other coverings, or devices which permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.~~ **Fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:**

(1) A minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided;

(2) The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

(3) Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.