ORDINANCE

SUBJECT: Floodplain Zoning – Ch. 16

COMMITTEE: Planning, Resource & Development

FIRST CONSIDERATION: March 16, 2023

FINAL CONSIDERATION: April 18, 2023

ORDINANCE # 202 - 04/23 PUBLICATION DATE April 22, 2023

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND s. 16.15(2)(b) ENTITLED “GENERAL PROVISIONS” OF CHAPTER 16 [FLOODPLAIN ZONING] OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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ANALYSIS

The Floodplain Ordinance references hydric soils floodway boundaries identified on soil survey maps as official maps delineating the boundaries of the floodplain. The reference to soil survey maps is understood to be to the Soil Survey of La Crosse County published by the USDA, however this publication does not contain information related to floodways or their boundaries. Therefore the reference is proposed to be removed.

La Crosse County has received confirmation from FEMA and the State DNR indicating that the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) has been revised as it relates to a specific area. When the County receives a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), the floodplain ordinance must be amended to reflect that revision.

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

Section 1. Section 16.15(2)(b) section of the "GENERAL PROVISIONS" of Chapter 16 FLOODPLAIN ZONING is amended to read:

16.15 GENERAL PROVISIONS

(2) Official Maps based on other studies

Any maps referenced in this section must be approved by the DNR and be more restrictive than those based on the FIS at the site of the proposed development.

1. Hydrologic and Dam Failure Analyses and Hazard Rating Assessment for Coon Creek Structures, No. 29, dated May 1996, including the studies and maps concerning the hydraulic shadow extending into La Crosse County, and No. 53, dated April, 1996, including studies and maps concerning the hydraulic shadow extending into La Crosse County, prepared by Ayres Associates and approved by DNR.


3. Floodplain study and maps: All other DNR-approved and FEMA-approved floodplain maps, flood profiles, floodway data tables, regional or base flood elevations and other information located on file in the La Crosse County Zoning, Planning and Land Information Office. The County shall provide the most up-to-date information to the DNR and FEMA regional offices.


Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect the day after passage and publication as required by law.

By: 
Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk

Passed: April 18, 2023
Published: April 22, 2023

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 18th day of April 2023.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk