Dear Essex County Community Officials:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently issued a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) dated October 3, 2019 for your community concerning the need to revise the community’s current Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO) in order to continue participation or enter in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The state of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Flood Control has issued a letter dated November 13, 2019 recommending seven (7) local municipalities to delete and replace their FDPO in order to remain in the National Flood Insurance Program. In an effort to save mailing costs and paper, only the Clerk’s Office was mailed a hard copy with the LFD attachment. For many of you this email and attachment will serve as your copy.

Please, open and find your community’s letter. The letter provides information on the panels to be adopted and the appropriate model ordinance to download from our website. These models meet or exceed the minimum requirements accepted by FEMA and the State of New Jersey. Be sure to include the Community ID, effective date “April 3, 2020” and the entire panel number (including the suffix letter), when amending the section titled BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.

Note, final maps and Flood Insurance Study are available on-line at [http://msc.fema.gov/portal](http://msc.fema.gov/portal). Click on the “Search All Products” link and select “NEW JERSEY”, “ESSEX COUNTY” and “ESSEX COUNTY ALL JURISDICTIONS” or “34013C” and click on “Search”. Then click on “Pending Product” and view or download the documents you want. Please feel free to contact me, our bureau or FEMA for further guidance.

For John Moyle, P.E., Director/NJ NFIP Coordinator

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