

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 1045**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO, AMENDING SECTION 16-12-30
OF THE *MEAD MUNICIPAL CODE* CONCERNING AN UPDATED SPECIAL FLOOD
HAZARD AREA MAP**

WHEREAS, in 2017, the Town of Mead Board of Trustees (“Board”) enacted Ordinance Number 849, adopting Article XII of Chapter 16 of the Mead Municipal Code (“MMC”) setting forth the Town’s floodplain management regulations in order to qualify for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (the “NFIP”); and

WHEREAS, Section 16-12-30(b) of the MMC currently identifies Special Flood Hazard Areas as those areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in a report titled “*The Flood Insurance Study for Weld County, Colorado and Incorporated Communities*” dated January 20, 2016 (FIS), with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps and/or Flood Boundary-Floodway Maps (FIRM and/or FBFM); and

WHEREAS, FEMA has notified the Town of Mead that the updated FIS and related FIRM/FBFM will be effective on November 30, 2023 (“Updated FIS”); and

WHEREAS, the Town’s continued participation in the NFIP is incumbent on a valid and effective floodplain ordinance and active floodplain development management by the Town’s designated Floodplain Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Town is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to include the Updated FIS (and updated FIRM) in the Town’s floodplain management regulations; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP provides flood insurance to property owners, renters and businesses, and having this coverage helps them recover faster when floodwaters recede; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend Section 16-20-30 of the MMC to reflect that the Special Flood Hazard Areas will be identified using the Updated FIS; and

WHEREAS, the Board further desires to amend Section 16-20-20 of the MMC to add a definition for the term “*Base flood*”; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adoption of this Ordinance will be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of all citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Mead, Weld County, Colorado, that:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Amend Section 16-12-20 of the Municipal Code. Section 16-12-20 of the Mead Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a definition for the term “*Base flood*” as follows:

Base flood. The flood which has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (also known as a 100-year flood). This term is used in the

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to indicate the minimum level of flooding to be used by a community in its floodplain management regulations.

Section 3. Amend Subsection (b) of Section 16-12-30 of the Municipal Code. Subsection (b) of Section 16-20-30 of the Mead Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows, with deletions shown in ~~strike through~~ and additions shown in **bold and underline**:

Sec. 16-20-30. General Provisions.

(b) Basis for establishing the Special Flood Hazard Area. The Special Flood Hazard Areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a scientific and engineering report entitled, "The Flood Insurance Study for Weld County, Colorado and Incorporated Communities" dated ~~January 20, 2016~~ **November 30, 2023**, with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps and/or Flood Boundary-Floodway Maps (FIRM and/or FBFM) and any revisions thereto are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Article. These Special Flood Hazard Areas identified by the FIS and attendant mapping are the minimum area of applicability of this Article and may be supplemented by studies designated and approved by the Board of Trustees. The Floodplain Administrator shall keep a copy of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS), DFIRMs, FIRMs and/or FBFMs on file and available for public inspection.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published and become effective as provided by law.

Section 5. Severability. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections of the Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed the Ordinance including each part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase is declared invalid.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such ordinance nor revive any ordinance thereby.

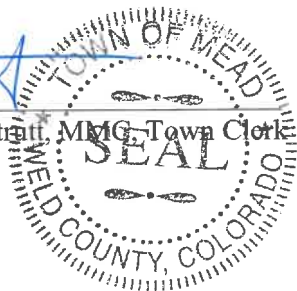
Section 7. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and make not less than one copy of the ordinance available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 14TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

ATTEST:

By: 

Mary E. Strait, MHC Town Clerk



TOWN OF MEAD:

By: 

Colleen G. Whitlow, Mayor