

Ordinance No. 677

An ordinance amending the City's Flood Hazard Management Code to incorporate and adopt the Flood Insurance Rate Maps effective in April 2025

WHEREAS, earlier in 2024, the City of Forks adopted a completely revised state and federally compliant Flood Hazard Management Code;

WHEREAS, over the last twelve plus years there has been a federally funded study to look at the 1988 flood insurance rate maps (FIRMS) for Clallam County and the City of Forks;

WHEREAS, those maps have been reviewed by the Federal Insurance Administrator who has approved a report entitled "The Flood Insurance Study Clallam County, Washington" with a date of adoption of 23 April 2025 that includes updates to the 1988 City of Forks related FIRMS;

WHEREAS, while there is an additional study underway focused on the City of Forks, its review and adoption is not part of the 2025 report;

WHEREAS, the City's Flood Hazard Management Code needs to reflect these new FIRMS being applicable to development activities within the City and state and federal agencies expect the new maps be noted in the ordinance;

BASED THEREON, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORKS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amending FMC 14.05.320. The Flood Hazard Management Code is hereby amended to read as follows with the underlined text being the addition or the text replacing the text that has been struck out.

14.05.320 Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard.

The special flood hazard areas identified by the Federal Insurance Administrator in a scientific and engineering report are entitled:

- a. Until 23 April 2025, "The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Town of Forks, Washington" dated December 16, 1988, and any revisions thereto, with accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRMS) dated December 16, 1988, and any revisions thereto, are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter.
- b. On 23 April 2025 and thereafter, "The Flood Insurance Study Clallam County, Washington and Incorporated Areas" dated April 23, 2025, and any revisions thereto, with accompanying flood insurance rate maps (FIRMS) dated April 23, 2025, and any revisions thereto, are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter.

The FIS and the FIRM are on file at Forks City Hall, clerk/treasurer's office, 500 East Division Street.

The best available information for flood hazard area identification as outlined in FMC 14.05.432 shall be the basis for regulation until a new FIRM is issued that incorporates data utilized under FMC 14.05.432.


Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five-days after being published in the City's journal of record as required by state law.

Passed by the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting held on 9 December 2024, and approved by the Mayor thereafter.



Tim Fletcher, Mayor

Authenticated and Attested to:



Caryn Depew, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form:



William R. Fleck, Attorney/Planner