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MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission

FROM: Katherine C. Noonan

RE: Amendments to Floodplain and Related Ordinances

In June 2005, the City of Madison received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources informing the City of the newly revised model floodplain ordinance. The model ordinance amendments reflect recent changes in the Wisconsin Administrative Code, NR 116, which is titled, Wisconsin's Floodplain Management Program, as well as Wisconsin Supreme Court decisions, and changes in the minimum standards for the National Flood Insurance Program. As a result of the above changes, the City is required to incorporate to amend its ordinances that regulate floodplains.

You will note that there are amendments to a number of the general provisions of the City's Zoning Code. Unlike the state model ordinance, the City's floodplain regulations are found in a number of different provisions in the Zoning Code. For this reason, all relevant provisions required amendment.

Local floodplain ordinances must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources. I have met with DNR staff and we have gone through the proposed amendments provision by provision. The DNR has approved the amendments as reflecting the changes in NR 116, court decisions, and flood insurance provisions.

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