



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-1179**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** December 19, 2023

**TITLE:** Second Reading – Ordinance Amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances Chapter Fourteen Floodplain Management - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission consider an ordinance amending the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinance Chapter Fourteen Floodplain Management to comply with Florida Building Code (FBC) 2023 (8<sup>th</sup> Edition) requirements and to continue eligibility for FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) flood insurance discounts greater than 10 percent.

**Background**

The Florida Building Code 2023 (8<sup>th</sup> Edition) will take effect on December 31, 2023. Code references to the FBC in the local ordinance require updating to remain valid. Amendments to the City's Floodplain Management ordinance will require that manufactured homes installed or replaced in Special Flood Hazard Areas be elevated to at least the base flood elevation plus one (1) foot; add language to allow staff to utilize FEMA publications, to include but not limited to, FEMA Technical Bulletins when necessary as they change from time to time; and to clarify the use of nonstructural fill in Special Flood Hazard Areas and Non-Special Flood Hazard Areas. Language regarding mobile homes is being required by the FEMA CRS program for property owners citywide to continue to remain eligible for flood insurance discounts greater than 10 percent.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a FY2024 *Commission Priority*, advancing the Infrastructure and Resilience initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area

- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Ready.

This item supports the Fortify Lauderdale Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Private and Public Property Resilience
- Resilient Home Improvements Education
- Flood Insurance awareness
- Improved CRS score within the floodplain management program

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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