WASHINGTON COUNTY

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

AMENDMENT

TO INCORPORATE & UPDATE REVISED FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS) & FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM)

Effective June 19th, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County previously adopted and/or amended a county wide Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (sometimes referred to hereinafter as the "ordinance"), effective September 19, 2007, the terms and conditions of which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to the authorities, and for the purposes and objectives, as more particularly described therein; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary benefits and purposes for adopting and enforcing the ordinance is to permit the citizens and property owners within Washington County to participate within the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which requires that participating communities adopt and enforce certain minimal floodplain management regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) upon which the ordinance was last adopted and/or amended, and which are incorporated by reference into the ordinance, have been subsequently updated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, FEMA and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Risk Management Section, have requested as a condition of remaining eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), that Washington County revise, amend, and update the references in the ordinance to include and refer to the most recently updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) on or before their effective dates of June 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance may be considered to be part of the larger zoning and/or land use development ordinances or regulations of Washington County which have been adopted pursuant to NCGS § 153A Article 18 Part 3 (Zoning) and/or other applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary and/or desirable to amend portions of zoning and/or land use development ordinances and regulations adopted within Washington County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, and to adequately address changes in zoning and/or land use development plans and practices; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Planning Board has met, given reasonable consideration to, and has recommended in writing, that **Article 3 Section B. Basis For Establishing the Special Flood Hazard Areas.** be amended by replacing the entire section thereof with the following language:

> **SECTION B. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS.**
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> The Special Flood Hazard Areas are those identified under the Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement between the State of North Carolina and FEMA in its FIS dated June 19, 2020 for Washington County and associated DFIRM panels, including any digital data developed as part of the FIS, which are adopted by reference and declared a part of this ordinance, and all revisions thereto after January 1, 2021. Future revisions to the FIS and DFIRM panels that do not change flood hazard data within the jurisdictional authority of Washington County are also adopted by reference and declared a part of this ordinance. Subsequent Letter of Map Revisions (LOMRs) and/or Physical Map Revisions (PMRs) shall be adopted within 3 months.

WHEREAS, notice has been properly given and a public hearing has been duly held pursuant to NCGS § 153A-323, regarding the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has considered the recommendation of the Washington County Planning Board, has carefully considered all viewpoints expressed during the public hearing, if any, and has conducted such reviews, analysis, and investigations of this matter as it deems necessary and proper; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners has determined that amending the ordinance in the manner described herein is:

1. Is reasonable, and
2. Is consistent with any comprehensive plan(s) (including without limitation any zoning and/or land use development plan(s)) previously adopted by Washington County; and
3. Is in the public interest and promotes and protects the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Washington County Board of Commissioners that:

1. Effective June 19th, 2020, the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is hereby amended by redacting and replacing in its entirety, Article 3 Section B. Basis For Establishing the Special Flood Hazard Areas. with the following:

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2. Except only to the extent expressly amended herein, any and all terms, conditions, and provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance in effect at the time of this amendment, shall remain in full force and effect hereafter.

ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THIS 1 Day of June, 2020

SEAL

D. COLE PHELPS, CHAIR

ATTEST

JULIE BENNETT, CLERK

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