

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments
Flood Plain District
For November 19, 2020 Planning Board Public Hearing**

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth, Chapter 10 — Zoning Ordinance, Article 6 – Overlay Districts and Article 15 – Definitions, be amended as follows (deletions from existing language ~~stricken~~; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

- A. In Section 10.613.10 (a), update the study and map reference dates by deleting ~~May 17, 2005~~ and adding **January 29, 2021**.
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- B. In Section 10.622.20 – Terms Defined for the Flood Plain District, revise the definition of New Construction as follows:

New construction

A structure for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of this flood plain management regulation and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure. ~~A structure for which the start of construction commenced on or after the January 1, 2020 and includes any subsequent improvements to such structure.~~

- G. In Section 10.628 – Construction Standards in Special Flood Hazard Areas amend paragraph 10.628.10 as follows:

10.628.10 In Zones A and AE, any new construction or substantial improvement shall **be reasonably safe from flooding and**:

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ZONING ORDINANCE



Adopted by Portsmouth City Council: December 21, 2009
Effective Date: January 1, 2010

As Amended Through: December 16, 2019

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Article 6 Overlay Districts

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10.613 Overlay District Locations

10.613.10 The **Floodplain District** (FP) consists of:

- (a) all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its “Flood Insurance Study for the County of Rockingham County, NH” dated ~~May 17, 2005~~January 29, 2021 or as amended, together with associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated ~~May 17, 2005~~January 29, 2021 or as amended, which are declared to be part of this Ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference; and

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10.622 Definitions

10.622.20 Terms Defined for the Floodplain District

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10.628 Construction Standards in Special Flood Hazard Areas and Extended Flood Hazard Areas

10.628.10 In Zones A and AE, any new construction or substantial improvement shall be reasonably safe from flooding and:

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