

CITY OF PICAYUNE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE

Originally Adopted by the City of Picayune Mayor and City Council February 5, 1980 (Revised July 19, 1988) (Amended September 19, 2006) (Revised April 25, 2007)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:

- (1) Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety and property due to water or erosion hazards, which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights velocities;
- (2) Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (3) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of flood waters;
- (4) Control filling, grading, dredging and other development which may increase erosion or flood damage, and;
- (5) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters or which may increase flood hazards to other lands.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this ordinance are:

- (1) To protect human life and health;
- (2) To minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- (3) To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- (4) To minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- (5) To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, street and bridges located in floodplains;
- (6) To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood prone areas in such a manner as to minimize flood blight areas, and;
- (7) To ensure that potential homebuyers are notified that property is in a flood area.

METHODS OF REDUCING FLOOD LOSSES

In order to accomplish its purposes, this ordinance includes methods and provisions for:

- (1) Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;
- (2) Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
- (3) Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;
- (4) Controlling filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage; and,
- (5) Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers that will unnaturally divert floodwaters or may increase flood hazards in other areas.

Above is a summary of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after its publication.

The foregoing ordinance, having first been reduced to writing, was moved upon Council Member Bounds, Seconded by Council Member Turnage, and voted upon as follows:

VOTING YEA: Mayor Mitchell, Council Member Parker, Bounds, Guy, Turnage and Watkins

VOTING NAY: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None

The motion having received the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed, approved, and adopted on this the 25th day of April 2007.

Greg Mitchell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leann Smith, Deputy Clerk