

I wish to make adjustments to Ordinance 2020-04, which is the City's Floodplain Ordinance.

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1. In each flood hazard area risk zone, a lowest floor elevation to be built to is given as 2 feet or more. It would be extremely beneficial to the city, if this requirement would be changed to 3 feet or more.
 - In the past, when called for, I have tried to insist on raising house pads more than 2 feet. The wording of the existing ordinance somewhat allowed me to ask for this. However, as long as the 2 foot minimum was met, I had no recourse. 3 foot or more would be safer for the home owner, and safer for the city. Since we do not prohibit construction in the floodplain, the additional footage requirement would act as a deterrent to build in the floodplain.

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2. Floodways High-risk areas of stream channel and adjacent floodplain.
 - a) Developments in regulatory floodways are prohibited, UNLESS
 1. A No-Rise Certificate, signed and stamped by a Professional Engineer Licensed to practice in the State of Arkansas, is submitted to demonstrate through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed development would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of a base flood event; OR
 2. All requirements of 44 CFR 65.12 are first met.

- b) No Manufactured Home may be placed in a regulatory floodway, regardless of elevation height, anchoring methods, or No-Rise Certification.

This same wording is found in Section E. PROCEDURES FOR VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRMENTS OF THIS CODE Pg 14

The above wording (starting with the word UNLESS and following till section b), legally gives opportunity to build in the floodway. The ONLY construction that should be allowed in a floodway is a City Park, constructed so that flood waters can pass through unobstructed. I propose all wording in subsections 1 and 2 be removed from this ordinance. By doing this, the floodway section of the ordinance would read:

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- a) Other than City Park developments, any development in a regulatory floodway is prohibited.
- b) No Manufactured Home may be placed in a regulatory floodway, regardless of elevation, anchoring methods, or NO-Rise Certification.