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FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE
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703.01 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDING OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

(1) Statutory Authorization. This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization contained in Sections 59.69 (*planning & zoning authority*), 59.692 (*zoning of shorelands on navigable waters*) and 59.694 (*county zoning, adjustment board*), and the requirements in s. 87.30 (*floodplain zoning*), Wis. Stats.

(2) Finding of Fact. Uncontrolled development and use of floodplains, rivers or streams of Wood County, Wisconsin would adversely affect the public health, safety, convenience, general welfare and tax base.

(3) Statement of Purpose. This ordinance is intended to regulate floodplain development to:

- A. Protect life, health and property;
- B. Minimize expenditures of public monies for flood control projects;
- C. Minimize rescue and relief efforts undertaken at the expense of the taxpayers;
- D. Minimize business interruptions that result in the loss of local incomes;
- E. Minimize damage to public facilities in the floodplains;
- F. Minimize the occurrence of future flood blight areas in floodplains;
- G. Discourage the victimization of unwary land and home buyers;
- H. Prevent increases in flood heights that could increase flood damage and result in conflicts between property owners.
- I. Discourage development in a floodplain if there is any practicable alternative to locate the activity, use or structure outside of the floodplain.

(4) Title. This ordinance shall be known as the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance for Wood County, Wisconsin.

703.02 GENERAL PROVISIONS

(1) Areas to be Regulated. This ordinance regulates all areas that would be covered by the regional flood or base flood.

Note: Base flood elevations are derived from the flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study. Regional flood elevations may be derived from other studies. Areas covered by the base flood are identified as A-Zones on the Flood Insurance Rate Map.

A. Annexed Areas for Cities and Villages. The Wood County floodplain zoning provisions in effect on the date of annexation shall remain in effect and shall be enforced by the annexing municipality for all annexed areas until the municipality adopts and enforces an ordinance which meets the requirements of ch. NR 116 (*Wisconsin's Floodplain Management Program*), Wis. Adm. Code and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). County floodplain zoning provisions are incorporated by reference for the purpose of administering this section and are on file at the municipality. All plats or maps of annexation shall show the regional flood elevation and the location of the floodway.

(2) Official Maps and Revisions. The boundaries of all floodplain districts are designated as floodplains or A Zones on the maps and the revisions listed below. Any change to the base flood elevations (BFE) in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) or on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) must be reviewed and approved by the DNR and FEMA before it is effective. No changes to regional flood elevations (RFE's) on the non-FEMA maps shall be effective until approved by the DNR. These maps and revisions are on file in the Wood County Planning and Zoning Office. If more than one map or revision is referenced, the most restrictive information shall apply

OFFICIAL MAPS : Based on the FIS:

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55141C0167G	55141C0168G	55141C0169G
55141C0180G	55141C0185G	55141C0190G
55141C0195G	55141C0205G	55141C0210G
55141C0215G	55141C0220G	55141C0230G
55141C0245G	55141C0265G	55141C0280G
55141C0285G	55141C0290G	55141C0295G
55141C0305G	55141C0307G	55141C0309G
55141C0310G	55141C0315G	55141C0317G
55141C0320G	55141C0330G	55141C0335G
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55141C0445G	55141C0455G	55141C0460G
55141C0465G	55141C0470G	55141C0480G
55141C0485G	55141C0490G	55141C0495G
55141C0505G	55141C0507G	55141C0509G
55141C0510G	55141C0515G	55141C0516G
55141C0517G	55141C0518G	55141C0519G
55141C0526G	55141C0527G	55141C0528G
55141C0529G	55141C0531G	55141C0532G
55141C0535G	55141C0536G	55141C0538G
55141C0540G	55141C0545G	55141C0551G
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55141C0625G	55141C0650G	55141C0675G
55141C0700G		

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OFFICIAL MAPS: Based on other studies:

A. The South Wood County Park Dam Analyses & Map, prepared by R. A. Smith & Assoc., dated April 1, 1991.

B. Floodplain Survey. One Mile Creek. Maps & study prepared by City of Wisconsin Rapids Engineering Department, dated December 1968.

C. Hazard Assessment and Engineering. Evaluation Lake Dexter Dam. Maps & study prepared by Ayres Associates, dated April 1993.

D. Floodplain Study for a Branch of East Branch of the Yellow River. Maps & study prepared by Becher-Hoppe Associates Inc., dated January 2006.

E. Floodplain Study Seven Mile Creek. Maps & study prepared by Gremmer & Associates, Inc., dated 9/19/2007.

F. Flood Encroachment Study of Floodplain located in NW SW of Section 29, T24N. R3E. Maps & study prepared by MTS. Amended July 1, 2009.

G. Floodplain Study. A Branch of East Branch of the Yellow River. Maps & study prepared by Becher-Hoppe Associates, Inc., dated January, 2006.

H. Wisconsin Emergency Relief Administration. Drainage Control Work. Summary Sheets & Maps of Beaver, Cranberry Creek, Kurt Creek, Remington, Two Mile Creek, and Wood County Drainage Districts. Historical engineering data of ditches and dams.

I. Wisconsin Works Progress Administration. State Hydraulic Control. Drainage Control Dam data sheets 1-3. Historical engineering data.

J. Inundation Map for Failure of Biron Dam. Maps & study prepared by Mead & Hunt dated 12/10/2001.

K. Emergency Action Plan for the Biron Hydroelectric Project. Ferc Project 2192. Maps & Study revised 12/04/2008. Prepared by Mead & Hunt. Inundation maps & study dated 8/13/2008.

L. Emergency Action Plan for The Wisconsin Rapids Hydroelectric Project. FERC Project No. 2256. Maps & study revised 1999.

M. Emergency Action Plan for The Centralia Dam. FERC Project No. 2255. Maps & study dated 12/30/1988.

N. Emergency Action Plan for the Port Edwards Dam. FERC Project No. 2291. Maps & study dated 12/30/1988.

O. Emergency Action Plan for the Nekoosa Dam. FERC Project No. 2292. Maps & Study dated 12/30/1988.

(3) Establishment of Districts. The regional floodplain areas are divided into three districts as follows:

A. The Floodway District is the channel of a river or stream and those portions of the floodplain adjoining the channel required to carry the regional floodwaters.

B. The Floodfringe District is that portion of the floodplain between the regional flood limits and the floodway.

C. The General Floodplain District is those areas that have been or may be covered by flood water during the regional flood.

D. Within these districts, all uses not listed as PERMITTED USES shall be prohibited.

(4) Locating Floodplain Boundaries.

A. Discrepancies between boundaries on the official floodplain zoning map and actual field conditions shall be resolved using the criteria in paragraphs B. or C.

below. If a significant difference exists, the map shall be amended according to s. 703.08. The zoning administrator can rely on a boundary derived from a profile elevation to grant or deny a land use permit, whether or not a map amendment is required. The zoning administrator shall be responsible for documenting actual pre-development field conditions and the basis upon which the district boundary was determined and for initiating any map amendments required under this section. Disputes between the code administrator and an applicant over the location of the district boundary shall be settled according to s. 703.07 (5) D., Boundary Disputes, of this Ordinance and the criteria in paragraphs B. and C. below.

B. If flood profiles exist, the map scale and the profile elevations shall determine the district boundary. The regional or base flood elevations shall govern if there are discrepancies.

C. Where flood profiles do not exist, the location of the district boundary line shall be determined by the map scale, visual on-site inspection and any information provided by the Department.

Note: Where the flood profiles are based on established base flood elevations from a FIRM, FEMA must also approve any map amendment pursuant to s. 703.08 (1) F.

(5) Removal of Lands from Floodplain. Compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall not be grounds for the removal of lands from the floodplain district unless; such lands are filled to a height of at least two (2) feet above the regional or base flood elevation, the fill is contiguous to land outside the floodplain, and the map is amended pursuant to Section 703.08 of this Ordinance. To remove flood insurance requirements, FEMA must first revise the Flood Insurance Rate Map or issue a Letter of Map Change (LOMC).

Note: This procedure does not remove the requirements for the mandatory purchase of flood insurance. The property owner must contact FEMA to request a Letter of Map Change (LOMC).

(6) Effect of Floodplain Regulations. The regulations set forth in this Ordinance for floodplain, floodfringe and floodway districts shall apply to all floodplains, floodfringes and floodways mapped on the "official floodplain zoning map". [See definition (BA)].

(7) Compliance. Any development or use within the areas regulated by this ordinance shall be in compliance with the terms of this ordinance, and other applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

A. Unless specifically exempted by law, all cities, villages, towns, and counties are required to comply with this Ordinance and obtain all necessary permits. State Agencies are required to comply if Section 13.48 (13), Wis. Stats., applies. The construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of state highways and

bridges by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is exempt when Section 30.2022 , Wis. Stats, applies.

(8) Abrogation and Greater Restrictions.

A. This Ordinance supersedes provisions of any county zoning ordinance relating to floodplains enacted under Section 59.69 or 59.692, Wis. Stats. If another ordinance is more restrictive than this ordinance, that ordinance shall continue in full force and effect to the extent of the greater restrictions, but not otherwise.

B. It is not otherwise intended by this Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing deed restrictions, covenants or easements. Where this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

(9) Interpretation. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance are the minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the governing body and are not a limitation on or repeal of any other powers granted by Wisconsin Statutes. If a provision of this Ordinance is required by Chapter NR 116, Wis. Admin. Code, and where the ordinance provision is unclear, the provision shall be interpreted in light of the Chapter NR 116 standards in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance or in effect on the date of the most recent text amendment to this Ordinance.

(10) Warning and Disclaimer of Liability. The degree of flood protection intended to be provided by this Ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on engineering and scientific methods of study. Larger floods may occur or the flood height may be increased by man-made or natural causes, such as ice jams and bridge openings restricted by debris. This Ordinance does not imply that areas outside of the delineated floodplain or land uses permitted within the floodplain, will always be totally free from flooding or flood damages, nor shall this Ordinance create a liability on the part of or a cause of action against the County of Wood or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damage that may result from reliance on this Ordinance.

(11) Severability. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

A. Wood County shall review all permit applications to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a flood-prone area, all new construction and substantial improvements shall be designed or modified and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads; be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage; be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages; and be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during

conditions of flooding. Subdivisions shall be reviewed for compliance with the above standards. All subdivision proposals (including manufactured home parks) shall include regional flood elevation and floodway data for any development that meets the subdivision definition of this ordinance.

(12) General Standards Applicable To All Floodplain Districts.

A. Hydraulic and Hydrologic Analyses: Except as provided in Paragraph B below, no floodplain development shall:

1. Obstruct flow, defined as any development which blocks the conveyance of floodwaters by itself or with other development increasing regional flood height; or
2. Cause an increase equal in regional flood height due to floodplain storage area lost, which is equal to or exceeds 0.01 foot;

B. The Code Administrator shall deny permits where it is determined the proposed development will cause an obstruction to flow or increase in regional flood height of 0.01 foot or greater, based on the officially adopted FIRM or other adopted map, unless the provisions of par. C. are met.

C. Obstructions or increases equal to or greater than 0.01 foot may only be permitted if amendments are made to this Ordinance, the official floodplain zoning maps, floodway lines and water surface profiles, in accordance with s. 703.08 of this Ordinance.

Note: This section refers to obstructions or increases in base flood elevations as shown on the officially adopted FIRM or other adopted map. Any such alterations must be reviewed and approved by FEMA and the DNR.

D. Watercourse Alterations. No land use permit to alter or relocate a watercourse in a mapped floodplain shall be issued until the local official has notified in writing all adjacent municipalities, the Department and FEMA regional offices and required the applicant to secure all necessary state and federal permits. The flood carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse shall be maintained. As soon as is practical, but not later than six months after the date of the watercourse alteration or relocation, the Code Administrator shall notify FEMA of the changes by submitting appropriate technical or scientific data in accordance with NFIP guidelines that shall be used to revise the FIRM, risk premium rates and floodplain management regulations as required.

E. Development which requires a permit from the Department of Natural Resources, under Chapters 30 and 31, Wis. Stats., such as docks, piers, wharves, bridges, culverts, dams and navigational aids may be allowed provided the necessary local permits are obtained and necessary amendments to the official

floodway lines, water surface profiles, BFE's established in the FIS, or other data from the officially adopted FIRM, or other floodplain zoning maps or floodplain zoning ordinance, are made according to s. 703.08.

(13) Public or Private Campgrounds. Public or private campgrounds shall have a low flood damage potential and shall meet the following provisions

A. The campground is approved by the Department of Health.

B. A zoning permit for the campground is issued by the Code Administrator.

C. The character of the river system and the elevation of the campground is such that a 72-hour warning of an impending flood can be given to all campground occupants.

D. There is an adequate flood warning procedure for the campground that offers the minimum notice required under this section to all persons in the campground. This procedure shall include a written agreement between the campground owner, the county emergency government coordinator and the chief law enforcement official which specifies the flood elevation at which evacuation shall occur, personnel responsible for monitoring flood elevations, types of warning systems to be used and the procedures for notifying at-risk parties, and the methods and personnel responsible for conducting the evacuation.

E. This agreement shall be for no more than one calendar year, at which time the agreement shall be reviewed and updated - by the officials identified in par. D. - to remain in compliance with all applicable regulations, including those of the state Department of Health Services and all other applicable regulations.

F. Only camping units are allowed.

G. The camping units may not occupy any site in the campground for more than 180 day consecutive days, at which time the camping unit must be removed from the floodplain for a minimum of 24 hours.

H. All camping units that remain on site for more than 30 days shall be issued a limited authorization by the campground operator, a written copy of which is kept on file at the campground. Such authorization shall allow placement of a camping unit for a period not to exceed 180 days and shall ensure compliance with all provisions of this section.

I. The Code Administrator shall monitor the limited authorizations issued by the campground operator to assure compliance with the terms of this section.

J. All camping units that remain in place for more than 180 consecutive days must meet the applicable requirements for the floodplain district in which the structure is located.

K. The campground shall have signs clearly posted at all entrances warning of the flood hazard and the procedures for evacuation when a flood warning is issued.

L. All service facilities, including but not limited to refuse collection, electrical service, natural gas lines, propane tanks, sewage systems and wells shall be properly anchored and placed at or floodproofed to the flood protection elevation.

703.03 REGIONAL FLOODWAY DISTRICT (FW)

(1) Applicability. The provisions of this section shall apply to all floodway areas on the official floodplain zoning maps and those identified pursuant to s. 703.05 (4) of this Ordinance.

(2) Description of District. The Regional Floodway District shall include mapped floodway areas so designated on the official floodplain zoning maps (see s. 703.02 (2)) showing the regional flood limits. All such maps shall be approved by the Department of Natural Resources and FEMA.

(3) Permitted Uses. The following open spaces uses having a low flood damage potential and not obstructing flood flows, are allowed in the floodway areas of the General Floodplain District provided:

A. they are not prohibited by any other ordinance;

B. they meet all of the standards contained in s. 703.03 (4); and

C. all permits or certificates have been issued by the Code Administrator, pursuant to s. 703.07 (2).

D. Agricultural uses, such as: farming, outdoor plant nurseries, horticulture, viticulture, forestry, sod farming and wild crop harvesting.

E. Nonstructural industrial and commercial uses, such as: loading areas, parking areas, airport landing strips.

F. Nonstructural private and public recreational uses, such as: golf courses, tennis courts, driving ranges, archery ranges, picnic grounds, boat launching ramps, swimming areas, parks, wildlife and nature preserves, game farms, fish hatcheries, shooting preserves, target ranges, trap and skeet ranges, hunting and fishing areas, hiking and horseback riding trails, subject to the fill limitations of s. 703.03 (4) (E).

G. Uses or structures accessory to open space uses, or classified as historic structures that comply with s. 703.03 (4) and s. 703.03 (5).

H. Extraction of sand, gravel and/or other materials according to s. 703.03(4) E.

I. Functionally water-dependent uses such as: docks, piers or wharves, including those used as part of a marina, and other related uses such as dams, flowage areas, culverts, navigational aids and river crossings of transmission lines, and pipelines, according to Chapters 30 and 31, Wis. Stats..

J. Railroads, streets, bridges, and public utilities.

(4) Standards for Development in Floodway Areas.

A. General.

1. Any development in floodway areas shall meet all of the provisions of s. 703.02 (12), and have a low flood damage potential.

2. Applicants shall provide the following data for the Code Administrator to determine the effects of the proposal according to s. 703.02(12):

a. A cross-section elevation view of the proposal, perpendicular to the watercourse, indicating whether the proposed development will obstruct flow; or

b. An analysis calculating the effects of the proposal on regional flood height.

3. The Code Administrator shall deny the permit application where it is determined the project will increase flood elevations upstream or downstream 0.01 foot or more, based on the data submitted for par. 2, above.

B. Structures. Structures which are accessory to permanent open space uses or are functionally dependent on a waterfront location, may be allowed by permit, providing the structures comply with the following criteria:

1. The structure is not designed for human habitation and does not have a high flood damage potential;

2. It must be anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement;

3. Mechanical and utility equipment must be elevated or flood proofed to or above the flood protection elevation; and

4. Are to be constructed and placed on the building site so as to cause an increase less than 0.01 foot in flood height and offer minimum obstruction to the flow of flood waters. Structures shall be constructed with the longitudinal axis parallel to the direction of flow of flood waters, and will be placed with their longitudinal axis approximately on the same lines as those of adjoining structures;

5. It must not obstruct flow of flood waters or cause any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the regional flood.

C. DNR Chapter 30/31 Uses. Uses permitted by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Chapters 30 and 31, Wis. Stats., provided that the necessary permits are obtained and amendments approved by the county to the official floodway lines, water surface profiles, floodplain zoning maps and floodplain zoning ordinances.

D. Public utilities, streets and bridges. Public utilities, streets and bridges may be permitted provided that:

1. Adequate flood proofing measures are provided to the flood protection elevation;
2. Construction meets the standards of s. 703.02 (12) unless;

E. Fills or deposition of materials. Fills or deposition of materials may be permitted provided that:

1. The provisions of s. 703.02 (12) are met;
2. No material is deposited in the navigable channel unless a permit is issued by the Department of Natural Resources pursuant to Chapter 30, Wis. Stats., and a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334 has been issued, if applicable, and the other requirements of this Section are met; and
3. The fill or other materials will be protected against erosion by riprap, vegetative cover, sheet piling and/or bulkheading sufficient to prevent erosion and leachate.
4. The fill is not classified as a solid or hazardous material.

(5) Prohibited Uses. All uses not listed as permitted uses in s. 703.03 (3) are prohibited including the following uses:

- A.** Habitable structures, structures with high flood damage potential, or not associated with permanent open-space uses;
- B.** Storing materials that are capable of floating, flammable, explosive or injurious to property, water quality, or human, animal, plant, fish or other aquatic life;
- C.** Uses which are not in harmony with, or which may be detrimental to uses permitted in the adjoining districts;
- D.** Any private or public sewage system, except portable latrines that are removed prior to flooding, and systems associated with recreational areas and Department-approved campgrounds that meet the applicable provisions of local ordinances and Chapter COMM 83, Wis. Admin. Code;
- E.** Any public or private wells which are used to obtain water for ultimate human consumption, except those for recreational areas that meet the requirements of local ordinances and Chapters NR 811 and 812, Wis. Admin Code
- F.** Any solid or hazardous waste disposal sites, whether private or public;
- G.** Any wastewater treatment ponds or facilities except those permitted under Chapter NR 110.15 (3) (b), Wis. Admin. Code;
- H.** Any sanitary sewer or water supply lines except those to service existing or proposed development located outside the floodway which complies with the regulations for the floodplain area occupied.

703.04 FLOOD FRINGE DISTRICT (FF)

(1) Applicability. This section shall apply to all flood fringe areas shown of the floodplain zoning maps, and to those identified pursuant to s. 703.04 (3) of this Ordinance.

(2) Permitted Uses.

A. Any structure, land use, or development may be permitted to the extent that they are not prohibited by this or any other ordinance or any other federal, state or local regulations, that the standards contained in s. 703.04 (3) are met, and provided that a floodplain zoning permit has been issued by the Code Administrator.

(3) Standards for Development in Floodfringe Areas.

A. General. All of the provisions of s. 703.02 (12) shall apply in addition to the following requirements according to the use requested.

B. Residential. All habitable structure, including a manufactured home, which is to be erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, or moved into the floodfringe area shall meet the following standards:

1. The elevation of the lowest floor of a structure, excluding the basement or crawlway, shall be constructed on fill at or above the flood protection elevation. The fill shall be one foot or more above the flood protection elevation extending at least 15 feet beyond the limits of the structure. The Department may authorize other flood proofing measures where existing streets or sewer lines are at elevations which make compliance with the fill standards impractical, provided the Board Of Adjustment grants a variance due to dimensional restrictions.

2. The basement or crawlway floor may be placed at the regional flood elevation provided it is flood proofed to the flood protection elevation. No basement or crawlway is allowed below the regional flood elevation.

3 Contiguous dry land access, defined as a vehicle access route above the regional flood elevation, shall be provided from a structure to land which is outside of the floodplain, except as provided in par. 4.

4. In developments where existing streets or sewer lines are at elevations which make compliance with par. 3 impractical, the County may permit new development and substantial improvements where access roads are at or below the regional flood elevation, provided:

a. The County has written assurance from the appropriate local units of police, fire and emergency services that rescue and relief will be provided to the structure(s) by wheeled vehicles, during a regional flood event; or

b. The County has a natural disaster plan approved by Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Department.

C. Accessory Structures or Uses.

1. An accessory structure or use which is not connected to a principal structure, including nonresidential agricultural structures, may be constructed with its lowest floor at or above the regional flood elevation, provided it shall meet all the applicable provisions of s. 703.03 and s. 703.04.

2. An accessory structure which is not connected to the principal structure and which is less than 600 square feet in size and valued at less than \$10,000 may be constructed with its lowest floor no more than two feet below the regional flood elevation if it is subject to flood velocities of no

more than two feet per second and meets all the provisions of s. 703.04 (3) D and s. 703.04 (3) E may be permissible for an accessory structure or use providing that the is located at or above the regional flood elevation.

D. Commercial. Any commercial structure which is erected, altered or moved into the flood fringe area shall meet the requirements of 703.04 (3) B. Subject to the requirements of 703.04 (3) F, storage yards, surface parking lots and other such uses may be placed at lower elevations if an adequate warning system exists to protect life and property.

E. Manufacturing and Industrial. Any manufacturing or industrial structure which is erected, constructed, altered or moved into the flood fringe area shall be protected to the flood protection elevation utilizing fill, levees, floodwalls, adequate flood proofing measures in accordance with s. 703.07 (7). Subject to the requirements of s. 703.04 (3) F, storage yards, surface parking lots and other such uses may be placed at lower elevations if an adequate warning system exists to protect life and property.

F. Storage Materials. The storage of materials that are buoyant, flammable, explosive, or injurious to property, water quality or human, animal, or plant, fish or aquatic life, shall be at or above the flood protection elevation or floodproofed in compliance with Section 703.07 (7) of this Ordinance. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that such materials will not enter the water body during flooding.

G. Public Utilities, Streets and Bridges. All utilities, streets and bridges shall be designed to be compatible with the local comprehensive floodplain development plans; and

1. When failure or interruption of public utilities, street and bridges would result in danger to the public health or safety, or where such facilities are deemed essential, construction of and substantial improvements to such facilities may only be permitted if they are flood proofed, in compliance with s. 703.07 (7), to the flood protection elevation;

2. Minor or nonessential utilities may be constructed at lower elevations providing they are designed to withstand flood forces to the regional flood elevation.

H. Sewage Systems. All private onsite waste treatment systems shall be flood proofed to the flood protection elevation pursuant to s. 703.07 (7) and shall meet the provisions of local ordinances and Chapter COMM 83, Wis. Admin. Code.

I. Wells. All wells, whether public or private, shall be flood proofed to the flood protection elevation pursuant to s. 703.07 (7) and shall meet the provisions of Chapters NR 811 and NR 812, Wis. Admin.Code.

J. Solid Waste Disposal Sites. Disposal of solid or hazardous waste is prohibited in flood fringe areas.

K. Deposition of Materials. Any deposited material must meet all the provisions of this Ordinance.

L. Manufactured Homes.

1. Owners or operators of all manufactured home parks and subdivisions located in the regional floodplain shall provide for adequate surface drainage to minimize flood damage and prepare, secure approval and file an evacuation plan, indicating vehicular access and escape routes, with the appropriate local emergency management authorities.

2. In existing manufactured home parks, all new homes, replacement homes on existing pads, and substantially improved shall:

a. Have the lowest floor elevated to the regional flood elevation; and

b. Be anchored so they do not float, collapse or move laterally during a flood.

3. Outside of existing manufactured home parks, including new manufactured home parks, and all single units outside of existing parks; all new, replacement and substantially improved manufactured homes shall meet the residential development standards for the flood fringe in s. 703.04 (3) B.

M. Mobile Recreational Vehicles.

1. All mobile recreational vehicles that are on site for 180 consecutive days or more or are not fully licensed and ready for highway use shall meet the elevation and anchoring requirements in s. 703.04 (3) L. 2. and 3. A mobile recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick-disconnect utilities and security devices and has no permanently attached additions.

703.05 GENERAL FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT (GFP)

(1) Applicability. The provisions for this district shall apply to all floodplains in Wood County for which flood profiles are not available or where flood profiles are available but floodways have not been delineated. Floodway and flood fringe districts shall be delineated when adequate data is available.

(2) Permitted Uses. Pursuant to Paragraph (4) below, it shall be determined whether the proposed use is located within a floodway or flood fringe area.

Those permitted uses in s. 703.03 (3), s. 703.03 (4), s. 703.04 (3), and provided the procedures of s. 703.05 (3) below are met, and a floodplain zoning permit shall be issued by the Code Administrator.

(3) Standards for Development in the General Floodplain District. Section 703.03 applies to floodway areas, s. 703.04 applies to flood fringe areas. The rest of this ordinance applies to either district.

(4) Determining Floodway and Flood fringe Limits. Upon receiving an application for development within the General Floodplain District, the Code Administrator shall:

A. Require the applicant to submit, at the time of application, two copies of an aerial photograph or a plan which accurately locates the proposed development with respect to the General Floodplain District limits, channel of the stream, existing floodplain developments, together with all pertinent information such as the nature of the proposal, legal description of the property, fill limits and elevations, building floor elevations and flood proofing measures.

B. Require the applicant to furnish any of the following additional information as is deemed necessary by the Department for evaluation of the effects of the proposal upon flood height and flood flows, the regional flood elevation and to determine the boundaries of the floodway:

1. A typical valley cross-section showing the channel of the stream, the floodplain adjoining each side of the channel, the cross-sectional area to be occupied by the proposed development, and all historic high water information;

2. Plan (surface view) showing: elevations or contours of the ground; pertinent structure, fill or storage elevation; size, location and layout of all proposed and existing structures on the site; location and elevations of streets, water supply, and sanitary facilities; soil types and other pertinent information;

3. Profile showing the slope of the bottom of the channel or flow line of the stream; and

4. Specifications for building construction and materials, flood proofing, filling, dredging, channel improvement, storage, water supply and sanitary facilities.

C. Transmit one copy of the information described in s. 703.05 (4) A and s. 703.05 (4) B. to the Department regional office along with a written request for technical assistance to establish regional flood elevations and, where applicable, floodway data. Where provisions of s. 703.07 (3) A. 4. apply, the applicant shall provide all required information and computations to delineate floodway boundaries and the effects of the project on flood elevations.

703.06 NONCONFORMING USES

(1) General. If these standards conform to the provisions of Section 59.69 (10), Wis. Stats., they shall apply to all nonconforming uses. These regulations apply to the modification of, or addition to, any structure and to the use of any structure or premises which was lawful before the passage of this Ordinance or any amendment thereto. The existing lawful use of a structure or its accessory use which is not in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance may be continued subject to the following conditions:

A. No modification or additions to a nonconforming use or a nonconforming structure shall be permitted unless they comply with this Ordinance. The words "modification" and "addition" shall include, but not be limited to, any alteration, addition, modification, structural repair, rebuilding or replacement of any such existing use, structure or accessory structure or use. Ordinary maintenance repairs are not considered an extension, modification or addition; these include painting, decorating, paneling, and the replacement of doors, windows, and other nonstructural components and the maintenance, repair or replacement of existing private sewage or water supply systems or connections to public utilities. Ordinary maintenance repairs do not include any costs associated with the repair of a damaged structure.

The construction of a deck that does not exceed 200 square feet and that is adjacent to the exterior wall of a principal structure is not an extension, modification or addition. The roof of the structure may extend over a portion of the deck in order to provide safe ingress and egress to the principal structure.

B. If a nonconforming use or the use of a nonconforming structure is discontinued for 12 consecutive months, it is no longer permitted and any future use of the property, and any structure or building thereon, shall conform to the applicable requirements of this Ordinance.

C. The County shall keep a record which lists all nonconforming uses and nonconforming structures, their present equalized assessed value, and the cost of all additions or modifications which have been permitted, and the percentage of the structure's total current value those modifications represent

D. No modification or addition to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use, which over the life of the structure would equal or exceed fifty percent (50%) of its present equalized value, shall be allowed unless

the entire structure is permanently changed to a conforming structure with a conforming use in compliance with the applicable requirements of this Ordinance. Contiguous dry land access must be provided for residential and commercial uses in compliance with Section 703.04 (3) B. The costs of elevating a nonconforming building or a building with a nonconforming use to the flood protection elevation are excluded from the 50% provisions of the paragraph.

E. Except as provided in para. F, if any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use is destroyed or is badly damaged, it cannot be replaced, reconstructed or rebuilt unless the use and the structure meet the requirements of this Ordinance. A structure is considered substantially damaged if the total cost to restore the structure to its pre-damaged condition equals or exceeds 50% of the structure's present equalized assessed value.

F. For nonconforming structures that are damaged or destroyed by a non-flood disaster, the repair or reconstruction of any such nonconforming building may be permitted in order to restore it after the non-flood disaster, provided that the nonconforming building will meet all of the minimum requirements under applicable FEMA regulations (44 CFR Part 60), or under the regulations promulgated thereunder.

G. A nonconforming historic structure may be altered if the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure, the alteration will comply with s.703.03 (4) of this Ordinance, flood resistant materials are used, and construction practices and flood proofing methods that comply with s. 703.07 (7) of this Ordinance are used.

(2) Floodway Areas.

A. No modification or addition shall be allowed to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use in a floodway area, unless such modification or addition meets all of the following criteria:

- 1.** Has been granted a permit or variance which meets all requirements of this Ordinance;
- 2.** Meets the requirements of s. 703.06 (1);
- 3.** The modifications or additions to a structure will not increase the amount of obstruction to flood flows or regional flood height;
- 4.** Has been granted a permit or variance which meets the floodway requirements of this Ordinance.
- 5.** The portions of the structure located below the regional flood elevation must be constructed of flood resistant materials.

- (a) The enclosed area shall be designed by a registered architect or engineer to allow for the efficient entry and exit of flood waters without human intervention. A minimum of two openings must be provided with a minimum net area of at least one square inch for every one square foot of the enclosed area. The lowest part of the opening can be no more than 12 inches above the adjacent grade;
- (b) The parts of the foundation located below the flood protection elevation must be constructed of flood resistant materials;
- (c) Mechanical and utility equipment must be elevated or flood proofed to or above the flood protection elevation; and
- (d) The structure must only be used for parking or limited storage.

B. No new private onsite waste treatment system, or addition to an existing private onsite waste treatment system, except where an addition has been ordered by a government agency to correct a hazard to public health, shall be allowed in a floodway area. Any replacement, repair, or maintenance of an existing private onsite waste treatment system in a floodway shall meet the applicable provisions of local ordinances and Chapter COMM 83, Wis. Admin. Code.

C. No new well or modification to an existing well used to obtain potable water, shall be allowed in a floodway area. Any replacement, repair or maintenance of an existing well in a floodway area shall meet the applicable requirements of all municipal ordinances and Chapters NR 811 and NR 812, Wis. Admin Code.

(3) Flood Fringe Areas.

A. No modification or addition shall be allowed to any nonconforming structure or any structure with a nonconforming use unless such modification or addition has been granted a permit or variance by the County. In addition, the modification or addition shall be placed on fill or flood proofed to the flood protection elevation in compliance with the standards for that particular use in s. 703.04 (3), except where s. 703.06 (3) B. is applicable.

B. Where compliance with the provisions of s. 703.06 (3) A. would result in unnecessary hardship and only where the structure will not be used for human habitation or be associated with a high flood damage potential, the Board of Adjustment, using the procedure in s. 703.07 (5) E., may grant a variance from those provisions of s. 703.06 (3) A. for modifications and additions, using the criteria listed below. Modifications or additions which are protected to elevations lower than the flood protection elevation may be permitted if:

1. No floor is allowed below the regional flood elevation for residential or commercial structures;
2. Human lives are not endangered;
3. Public facilities, such as water or sewer, are not to be installed;
4. Flood depths will not exceed two feet;
5. Flood velocities will not exceed two feet per second; and
6. The structure will not be used for storage of materials described in s. 703.04 (3) F.

C. If neither the provisions of par. A. or B. above can be met, one addition to an existing room in a nonconforming building or a building with a nonconforming use may be allowed in the flood fringe, if the addition:

1. Meets all other regulations and will be granted by permit or variance;
2. Does not exceed 60 square feet in area; and
3. In combination with other previous modifications or additions to the building does not equal or exceed 50% of the present equalized assessed value of the building.

D. All new, addition to, replacement, repair or maintenance of a private onsite waste treatment system in a flood fringe area shall meet all the applicable provisions of all ordinances and Chapter COMM 83, Wis. Admin. Code.

E. Any new, addition to, replacement, repair or maintenance of a well in a flood fringe area shall meet the applicable provisions of this ordinance and Chapters NR 811 and NR 812, Wis Admin. Code.

F. Variances not contrary to s. 59.69 (10), Wis. Stats., may be granted by the Board of Adjustment pursuant to s. 703.07 (5) E. of this Ordinance. If a variance is granted, the County shall notify the property owner that increased flood insurance premiums may result.

703.07 ADMINISTRATION

(1) General. Where a code administrator, planning agency or a board of adjustment has already been appointed to administer a zoning ordinance adopted under Sections 59.69 or 59.692, Wis. Stats, these officials shall also administer this Floodplain Ordinance.

(2) Code Administrator. A Code Administrator is hereby appointed to administer the provisions of this Ordinance. The Code Administrator shall exercise the following duties and powers:

A. Advise applicants as to the provisions of this Ordinance, assist them in preparing permit applications and appeals, and assure that the regional flood elevation for the proposed development is shown on all permit applications.

B. Issue permits and inspect properties for compliance with this Ordinance and issue Certificates of Compliance when appropriate.

C. Inspect all damaged floodplain structures and perform a substantial damage assessment to determine if substantial damage to the structures has occurred.

D. Keep the records of all:

1. All permits issued, inspections made, and work approved;
2. Documentation of certified lowest floor and regional flood elevations for floodplain development;
3. Records of water surface profiles, floodplain zoning maps and ordinances, nonconforming uses and structures including changes, appeals, variances and amendments.
4. All substantial damage assessment reports for floodplain structures.

E. Submit copies of the following items to the Department of Natural Resources:

1. Within 10 days of the decision, a copy of any decisions on variances, appeals for map or text interpretations, and map or text amendments;
2. Copies of any case-by-case analyses, and any other information required by the Department including an annual summary of the number and types of floodplain zoning actions taken.
3. Copies of substantial damage assessments performed and all related correspondence concerning the assessments.

F. Investigate, prepare reports and report violations of the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance to the County Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee and to the municipal attorney, with copies to the appropriate regional office of the Department of Natural Resources.

G. Submit copies of map and text amendments and biennial reports to the FEMA regional office.

H. Maintain on file a list of all documentations of certified elevations.

(3) Administrative Procedures.

A. Floodplain Zoning Permit. A floodplain zoning permit shall be obtained before any new development or any structural repair, including sewage disposal systems and water supply facilities, may be initiated. An application for a floodplain zoning permit shall be made to the Code Administrator and shall include:

1. Name and address of the applicant, property owner, and contractor/builder;
2. Legal description of the property, type of proposed use, and whether it is new construction or a modification to an existing structure;
3. A site development plan shall be drawn to scale and submitted as with the permit application form and shall contain:
 - a. Location, dimensions, area and elevation of the lot;
 - b. Location of the ordinary high water mark of any abutting navigable waterways;
 - c. Location of any structures with distances measured from the lot lines and center line of all abutting streets and highways;
 - d. Location of any existing or proposed on-site sewage systems or private water supply systems;
 - e. Location and elevation of existing or future access roads;
 - f. Location of floodplain and floodway limits on the property as determined from the official floodplain zoning maps;
 - g. The elevation of the lowest floor of proposed buildings and any fill using the vertical datum from the adopted study – either National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) or North American Vertical Datum (NAVD);
 - h. Data sufficient to determine the regional flood elevation in NGVD or NAVD at the location of the development and to determine whether or not the requirements of s. 703.03 and s. 703.04 are met; and
 - i. Data sufficient to determine if the proposed development will cause an obstruction to flow or an increase in regional flood height

or discharge according to s. 703.02 (12). This may include any of the information noted in s. 703.03 (4).

4. The applicant shall provide all survey data and computations required to show the effects of the project on flood heights, velocities and floodplain storage, for all subdivision proposals, as "subdivisions" is defined in s. 236, Wis. Stats, and other proposed developments exceeding five (5) acres in area or where the estimated cost exceeds \$125,000. The applicant shall provide:

- a.** An analysis of the effect of the development on the regional flood profile, velocity of flow and floodplain storage capacity;
- b.** A map showing location and details of vehicular access to lands outside the floodplain;
- c.** A surface drainage plan with adequate details showing how flood damage will be minimized; and
- d.** The estimated cost of the proposal shall include all structural development, landscaping improvements, access and road development, utilities , and other pertinent items, but need not include land costs.

B. Permit Fees. Permit fees shall be set and amended as needed by the Wood County Board of Supervisors. A current fee schedule shall be kept as an addendum to this ordinance for the following:

- 1.** Floodplain Zoning Permit
- 2.** Structural Building Permit
- 3.** Board of Adjustment Public Hearing Fee

C. Permit Expiration. Except as noted in s. 703.04 (3) M., all permits issued under the authority of this Ordinance shall expire two (2) years from the date of issuance.

D. Certificate of Compliance. No land in the floodplain shall be occupied or used and no building hereafter erected, altered, added to, modified, repaired, rebuilt, replaced or moved, shall be occupied until the applicant obtains a Certificate of Compliance from the Code Administrator, except where no permit is required, subject to the following provisions:

1. The certificate of compliance shall show that the building or premises or part thereof, and the proposed use, conform to the provisions of this Ordinance;
2. Application for such certificate shall be concurrent with the application for a permit;
3. . If all ordinance provisions are met, the certificate of compliance shall be issued within ten (10) days after written notification of completion of the work specified in the permit; and
4. The applicant shall submit a certification signed by a registered professional engineer, architect or land surveyor that the fill, lowest floor and floodproofing elevations are in compliance with the permit issued. Floodproofing measures also require certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that flood proofing measures meet the requirements of s. 703.07 (7).

E. Other Permits. The applicant must secure all necessary permits from federal, state, and local agencies, including those required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334.

(4) Zoning Agency.

A. The Wood County Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee shall:

1. Oversee the functions of the office of the Code Administrator;
2. Review and make recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors on all the proposed amendments to the maps and text of the Floodplain Zoning Ordinance;

B. The Wood County Conservation, Education & Economic Development shall not:

1. Grant variances to the terms of this Ordinance in place of action by the Board of Adjustment; nor
2. Amend the text or zoning maps in place of official action by the Wood County Board of Supervisors.

(5) Board of Adjustment. The appropriate board created under Chapter 59.694, Wis. Stats., for counties, is hereby authorized to act as board of adjustment. The Board shall

exercise the powers conferred by Wisconsin Statutes and adopt rules for the conduct of business. The Code Administrator may not be the secretary of the Board.

A. Powers and Duties of the Board. The Board of Adjustment shall:

1. Appeals - Hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement or administration of this ordinance.
2. Boundary Disputes - Hear and decide disputes concerning the district boundaries shown on the official floodplain zoning map.
3. Variances - Hear and decide, upon appeal, variances from the ordinance standards.

B. Appeals to the Board. Appeals to the Board of Adjustment may be taken by a person aggrieved or by an officer or department of the municipality affected by any decision of the Code Administrator or other administrative officer. Such appeal shall be taken within thirty (30) days unless otherwise provided by the rules of the Board, by filing with the Code Administrator and with the Board of Adjustment a notice of appeal specifying reasons for the appeal. The Code Administrator shall transmit to the Board all the records regarding the matter appealed.

C. Notice and Hearing for Appeals Including Variances.

1. Notice. The Board shall:

- a. Fix a reasonable time for the hearing;
- b. Publish a Class II Notice pursuant to Chapter 985, Wis. Stats, specifying the date, time, place and subject of the hearing; and
- c. Assure that notice shall be mailed to the parties in interest and the regional office of the Department of Natural Resources at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing.

2. Hearing. Any party may appear in person or by agent or attorney. The Board shall:

- a. Resolve boundary disputes according to s. 703.07 (5) D.;
- b. Decide variance applications according to s. 703.07 (5) E.; and
- c. Decide appeals of permit denials according to s. 703.07 (6).

3. Decision. The final decision regarding the appeal or variance application shall:

- a. Be made within a reasonable time;
- b. Be sent to the regional office of the Department of Natural Resources within ten (10) days of the decision
- c. Be a written determination signed by the chairman or secretary of the Board;
- d. State the specific facts which are the basis for the Board's decision;
- e. Either affirm, reverse, vary or modify the order, requirement, decision or determination appealed, in whole or in part, dismiss the appeal for lack of jurisdiction or grant the application for a variance; and
- f. Include the reasons or justifications for granting an appeal, with a description of the hardship demonstrated by the applicant in the case of a variance, clearly stated in the recorded minutes of the board proceedings.

D. Boundary Disputes. The following procedure shall be used by the Board of Adjustment in hearing disputes concerning floodplain zoning district boundary:

1. Where a floodplain district boundary is established by approximate or detailed floodplain studies the regional flood elevations or profiles shall prevail in locating the boundary. If no regional flood elevations or profiles exist, other evidence may be examined.
2. In all cases, the person contesting the boundary location shall be given a reasonable opportunity to present arguments and technical evidence to the Board of Adjustment. The Board shall not allow deviations from the boundary line as mapped unless the evidence clearly and conclusively establishes that the mapped location of the line is incorrect, has been acknowledged so by the Department of Natural Resources, and an official letter of map amendment has been issued by FEMA.
3. If the boundary is incorrectly mapped, the Board should inform the Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee or the person contesting the location of the boundary to petition the county for a map amendment according to s. 703.08.

E. Variance.

1. The Board of Adjustment may, upon appeal, grant a variance from the standards of this Ordinance if an applicant convincingly demonstrates that:

- a.** Literal enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinance will cause unnecessary hardship;
- b.** The hardship is due to adoption of the floodplain ordinance and unique property conditions , not common to adjacent lots or premises. In such case the ordinance or map must be amended;
- c.** The variance is not contrary to the public interest; and
- d.** The variance is consistent with the purpose of this Ordinance in s. 703.01 (3).

2. In addition to the criteria in par. (1), to qualify for a variance under FEMA regulations, the following criteria must be met:

- a.** The variance may not cause any increase in the regional flood elevation;
- b.** Variances can only be granted for lots that are less than one-half acre and are contiguous to existing structures constructed below the RFE; and
- c.** Variances shall only be granted upon showing of good and sufficient cause, shall be the minimum relief necessary, shall not cause increased risks to public safety or nuisances, shall not increase costs for rescue and relief efforts and shall not be contrary to the purpose of this Ordinance.

3. A variance shall not:

- a.** Grant, extend or increase any use prohibited in the zoning district;
- b.** Be granted for a hardship based solely on an economic gain or loss;
- c.** Be granted for a hardship which is self-created;
- d.** Damage the rights or property values of another person in the area;

e. Permit a lower degree of flood protection in the floodplain than the flood protection elevation;

f. Allow actions without the amendments to this Ordinance or map(s) required in s. 703.08 (1); nor

g. Allow any alteration of an historic structure, including its use, which would preclude its continued designation as an historic structure.

4. When a floodplain variance is granted the Board of Adjustment shall notify the applicant in writing that increased flood insurance premiums and risks to life and property may result. A copy of this notification shall be maintained with the variance appeal record.

5. Hearing Fee. Fees shall be set by the County Board of Supervisors and are listed in the “Wood County Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule” hereby adopted by reference.

(6) Appeals of Permit Denials.

A. The Zoning Agency or Board of Adjustment shall review all data related to the appeal. This data may include:

1. Permit application data listed in s. 703.07 (3);

2. Floodway/flood fringe determination data in s. 703.05 (4);

3. Data listed in s. 703.03 (4) A. 2, where the applicant has not submitted this information to the Code Administrator; and

4. Other data submitted with the permit application, or submitted to the Board of Adjustment with the appeal.

B. For appeals of all denied permits the Board of Adjustment shall:

1. Follow the procedures of s. 703.07 (5);

2. Consider Zoning Agency recommendations; and

3. Either uphold the denial or grant the appeal.

C. For appeals concerning increases in regional flood elevations the Board of Adjustment shall:

1. Uphold the denial where the Board agrees with the data showing an increase in flood elevation. Increases equal to or greater than 0.01 foot may only be allowed after amending the flood profile and map, and all appropriate legal arrangements are made with all adversely affected property owners; and
2. Grant the appeal where the Board agrees that the data properly demonstrates that the project does not cause an increase equal to or greater than 0.01 foot provided no other reasons for denial exist.

(7) Flood Proofing.

A. No permit or variance shall be issued until the applicant submits a plan certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the floodproofing will protect the structure or development to the flood protection elevation.

B. Flood proofing measures shall be designed to:

1. Withstand the flood pressures, depths, velocities, uplift and impact forces, and other regional flood factors;
2. Protect structures to the flood protection elevation;
3. Anchor structures to foundations to resist flotation and lateral movement; and
4. Insure that the structural walls and floors are watertight to the flood protection elevation, and the interior remains completely dry during flooding, without human intervention.

C. Flood proofing measures. Flood proofing measures could include:

1. Reinforcement of walls and floors to resist rupture or collapse caused by water pressure;
2. Addition of mass or weight to prevent flotation;
3. Placement of essential utilities above the flood protection elevation;
4. Installing surface or subsurface drainage systems to relieve foundation wall and basement floor pressures;
5. Construction of water supply wells, and waste treatment systems to prevent the entry of flood waters; and

6. Putting cutoff valves on sewer lines or elimination of gravity flow basement drains.

(8) Public Information.

A. Place marks on structures to show the depth of inundation during the regional flood.

B. All maps, engineering data and regulations shall be available and widely distributed.

C. All real estate transfers should show what floodplain zoning district any real property is in.

703.08 AMENDMENTS

(1) General. The Board of Supervisors of Wood County, Wisconsin, may change or supplement the floodplain zoning district boundaries and this Ordinance in the manner provided by law. Actions which require an amendment include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Any change in the official floodplain zoning maps including the floodway lines or boundary of any floodplain area;

B. Correction of discrepancies between the water surface profiles and floodplain zoning maps.

C. Any fill in the floodplain which raises the elevation of the filled area to a height at or above the flood protection elevation and is contiguous to land lying outside the floodplain;

D. Any fill or encroachment that obstructs flow, increasing regional flood height 0.01 foot or more; and

E. Any upgrade to floodplain zoning ordinance text required by ch. NR 116.05, Wis. Admin. Code, or otherwise required by law, or for changes by the County.

F. All channel relocations and changes to the maps to alter floodway lines or to remove an area from the floodway or the flood fringe that is based on a base flood elevation from a FIRM requires prior approval by FEMA.

Note: Consult the FEMA web site - www.fema.gov - for the map change fee schedule.

(2) Procedures. Amendments to this Ordinance may be made upon petition of any interested party in accordance with the provisions of Section 59.69, Wis. Stats. Such petitions shall include any necessary data required by s. 703.05 (5) and 703.07 (3).

A. The proposed amendment shall be referred to the Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee for a public hearing and recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors. The amendment and notice of the public hearing shall be submitted to the regional office of the Department of Natural Resources for review prior to the hearing. The amendment procedure shall comply with the provisions of Section 59.69, Wis. Stats.

B. No amendment shall become effective until reviewed and approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

C. All persons petitioning for a map amendment which involves an obstruction to flow, increasing regional flood height of 0.01 foot or shall obtain flooding easements or other appropriate legal arrangements from all adversely affected property owners and notify local units of government before the amendment can be approved by the County.

D. For amendments in areas with no water surface profiles, the Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee shall consider data submitted by the Department of Natural Resources, the Code Administrator's visual on-site inspections and other available information.

703.09 ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Any violations of the provisions of this Ordinance by any person, firm, association, corporation (including building contractors) or his or their agent, shall be unlawful and shall be forwarded to the municipal attorney, who shall expeditiously prosecute all such violators. A violator shall, upon conviction, forfeit to Wood County a penalty of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$200.00, together with a taxable cost of such action. Each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense. Every violation of this Ordinance is a public nuisance and the creation thereof may be enjoined and the maintenance thereof may be abated by action at suit of Wood County, the state, or any citizen thereof pursuant to Section 87.30, Wis. Stats.

703.10 DEFINITIONS

(1) Interpretation of words and phrases. Unless specifically defined below, words and phrases used in this Ordinance shall be applied in accordance with their common usage. Words used in the present tense include the future, the singular number includes the plural and the plural number includes the singular. The word "may" is permissive and "shall" is mandatory and not discretionary.

- A. A Zones**- Those areas shown on the "Official Floodplain Zoning Map" which would be inundated by the "regional flood". These areas may be numbered or unnumbered A Zones. The A Zones may or may not be reflective of flood profiles, depending on the availability of data for a given area.
- B. Accessory Structure or Use**- A facility, structure, building or use which is accessory or incidental to the principal use of a property, structure or building.
- C. Base flood**- The flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, as published by FEMA as part of a FIS and depicted on a FIRM.
- D. Basement**- Any enclosed area of a building having its floor subgrade, i.e., below ground level, on all sides.
- E. Board of Adjustment**- The body established under Chapter 59.964, Wisconsin Statutes, for counties and designated "board of adjustment".
- F. Building**- See Structure.
- G. Bulkhead Line**- A geographic line along a reach of navigable water that has been adopted by a municipal ordinance and approved by the Department pursuant to s. 30.11, Stats., and which allows limited filling between this bulkhead line and the original ordinary high water mark, except where such filling is prohibited by the floodway provisions of this ordinance.
- H. Campground**- Any parcel of land which is designed, maintained, intended or used for the purpose of providing sites for nonpermanent overnight use by 4 or more camping units, or which is advertised or represented as a camping area.
- I. Camping Unit**- Any portable device, no more than 400 square feet in area, used as a temporary shelter, including but not limited to a camping trailer, motor home, bus, van, pick-up truck, tent or other mobile recreational vehicle.
- J. Certificate of Compliance**- A certification issued by the Code Administrator stating that the construction and the use of land or a building, the elevation of fill or the lowest floor of a structure is in compliance with all the provisions of this Ordinance.
- K. Channel**- A natural or artificial watercourse with definite bed and banks to confine and conduct the normal flow of water.
- L. Crawlways or Crawl Space**- An enclosed area below the first usable floor of a building, generally less than five (5) feet in height, used for access to plumbing and electrical utilities.

M. Deck- An unenclosed exterior structure that has no roof or sides, but has a permeable floor which allows the infiltration of precipitation.

N Department- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

O. Development- Any artificial change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to construction of buildings, structures or accessory structures; construction of additions or alterations to buildings, structures or accessory structures; the repair of any damaged structure or the improvement or renovation of any structure, regardless of percentage of damage or improvement; the placement of buildings or structures; subdivision layout and site preparation; mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations; the storage, deposition or extraction of materials or equipment; and the installation, repair or removal of public or private sewage disposal systems or water supply facilities.

P. Dry Land Access- A vehicular access route which is above the regional flood elevation and which connects land located in the floodplain to land outside the floodplain, such as a road with its surface above the regional flood elevation and wide enough for wheeled rescue and relief vehicles.

Q. Encroachment- Any fill, structure, building, use, use or development in the floodway.

R. Encroachment/Floodway Lines- Encroachment lines are limits of obstruction to flood flows. These lines are on both sides of and generally parallel to the stream. The lines are established by assuming that the area landward (outside) of the encroachment lines will be ultimately developed in such a way that it will not be available to convey flood flows.

S. Environmental Impact Assessment Worksheet- A brief but comprehensive documented analysis of a proposed action to determine its environmental impact and whether an EIR is required.

T. "Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision"- A parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale on which the construction of facilities for servicing the lot is completed before the effective date of this Ordinance. At a minimum, this would include the installation of utilities, the construction of streets and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads.

U. Expansion to Existing Mobile/Manufactured Home Park- The preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be placed. This includes installation of utilities, either final site grading, pouring pads, or construction of streets.

V. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)- The federal agency that administers the National Flood Insurance Program.

W. "Flood" or "Flooding"- A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas caused by one of the following conditions:

1. The overflow or rise of inland waters;
2. The rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source;
3. The sudden increase caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a seiche, or by some similarly unusual event.

X. Flood Frequency- The probability of a flood occurrence, which is determined from statistical analyses. The frequency of a particular flood event is usually expressed as occurring, on the average, once in a specified number of years or as a percent (%) chance of occurring in any given year.

Y. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)- A map of a community on which the Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both special flood hazard areas (the floodplain) and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. This map can only be amended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Z. Floodfringe- That portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway, which is covered by flood waters during the regional flood and is associated with standing water rather than rapidly flowing water.

AA. A map designating approximate flood hazard areas. Flood hazard areas are designated as unnumbered A Zones and do not contain floodway lines or regional flood elevations. This map forms the basis for both the regulatory and insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance program until superseded by a Flood Insurance Study and a Flood Insurance Rate Map.

AB. Flood Insurance Study (FIS)- A technical engineering examination, evaluation, and determination of the local flood hazard areas. It provides maps designating those areas affected by the regional flood and provides both flood insurance rate zones and base flood elevations and may provide floodway lines. The flood hazard areas are designated as numbered and unnumbered A Zones. Flood Insurance Rate Maps, that accompany the Flood Insurance Study, form the basis for both the regulatory and the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program.

AC. Floodplain- Land which has been or may be covered by floodwater during the regional flood. The floodplain includes the floodway and the flood fringe, and may include other designated floodplain areas for regulatory purposes.

AD. Floodplain Island- A natural geologic land formation within the floodplain that is surrounded, but not covered, by floodwater during the regional flood.

AE. Floodplain Management- Policy and procedures to insure wise use of floodplains, including mapping and engineering, mitigation, education, and administration and enforcement of floodplain regulations.

AF. Flood Profile- A graph or a longitudinal profile line showing the relationship of the water surface elevation of a flood event to locations of land surface elevations along a stream or river.

AG. Flood Proofing- Any combination of structural provisions, changes, or adjustments to properties and structures, water and sanitary facilities and contents of buildings subject to flooding, for the purpose of reducing or eliminating flood damage.

AH. Flood Protection Elevation- An elevation two feet of freeboard above the water surface profile designated for the regional flood. Also see: Freeboard.

AI. Flood Storage- Those floodplain areas where storage of floodwaters has been taken into account during the analysis in reducing the regional flood discharge.

AJ. Floodway- The channel of a river or stream and those portions of the floodplain adjoining the channel required to carry the regional flood discharge.

AK. Freeboard- A safety factor expressed in terms of a specified number of feet above a calculated flood level. Freeboard compensates for the effects of any factors that contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated. These factors include, but are not limited to, ice jams, debris accumulation, wave action, obstruction of bridge openings and floodways, the effects of urbanization on the hydrology of the watershed, loss of flood storage areas due to development and aggradations of the river or stream bed.

AL. Habitable Building- Any structure or portion thereof used or designed for human habitation.

AM. Hearing Notice- Publication or posting meeting the requirements of Ch. 985, Stats. For appeals, a Class 1 notice, published once at least one week (7 days) before the hearing, is required. For all zoning ordinances and amendments, a Class 2 notice, published twice, once each week consecutively, the last at least a week (7 days) before the hearing. Local ordinances or bylaws may require additional notice, exceeding these minimums.

AN. High Flood Damage Potential- Damage that could result from flooding that includes any danger to life or health or any significant economic loss to a structure or building and its contents.

AO. Historic Structure- Any structure that is either:

1. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
2. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
3. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
4. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either by an approved state program, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior; or directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

AP. Increase in Regional Flood Height- A calculated upward rise in the regional flood elevation, equal to or greater than 0.01 foot, based on a comparison of existing conditions and proposed conditions which is directly attributable to development in the floodplain but not attributable to manipulation of mathematical variables such as roughness factors, expansion and contraction coefficients and discharge.

AQ. Land Use- Any nonstructural use made of unimproved or improved real estate. (Also see DEVELOPMENT.)

AR. "Manufactured Home"- A structure transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" includes a mobile home but does not include a "mobile recreational vehicle".

AS. Mobile Recreational Vehicle- A vehicle which is built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, designed to be self-propelled, carried or permanently towable by a licensed, light-duty vehicle, is licensed for highway use if registration is required and is designed

primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use. Manufactured homes that are towed or carried onto a parcel of land, but do not remain capable of being towed or carried, including park model homes, do not fall within the definition of "mobile recreational vehicles."

AT. "Municipality" or "Municipal"- The county governmental unit enacting, administering and enforcing this zoning ordinance.

AU. "NGVD" or "National American Vertical Datum"- Elevations referenced to mean seal level datum, 1988 adjustment.

AV. "NGVD" or "National Geodetic Vertical Datum"- Elevations referenced to mean seal level datum, 1929 adjustment.

AW. New Construction- For floodplain management purposes, "new construction: means structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of floodplain zoning regulations adopted by Wood County and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures. For the purpose of determining flood insurance rates, it includes any structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the date of Wood County's initial FIRM or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

AX. Nonconforming Structure- An existing lawful structure or building which is not in conformity with the dimensional or structural requirements of this Ordinance for the area of the floodplain which it occupies. (For example, an existing residential structure in the flood fringe district is a conforming use. However, if the lowest floor is lower than the flood protection elevation, the structure is nonconforming.)

AY. Nonconforming Use- An existing lawful use or accessory use of a structure or building which is not in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance for the area of the floodplain which it occupies. (Such as a residence in the floodway.)

AZ. Obstruction To Flow- Any development that blocks the conveyance of floodwaters such that this development alone or together with any future development will cause an increase in regional flood height.

BA. Official Floodplain Zoning Map- Those maps, adopted and made part of this Ordinance, as described in s. 703.02 (2), which have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources and FEMA.

BB. Official Letter of Map Change (LOMC)- Official notification from FEMA that a Flood Hazard Boundary Map or Flood Insurance Study Map has been amended.

BC. Open Space Use- Those uses having relatively low flood damage potential and no involving structures.

BD. Ordinary High Water Mark- The point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of surface water is so continuous as to leave a distinctive mark such as by erosion, destruction or prevention of terrestrial vegetation, predominance of aquatic vegetation, or other easily recognized characteristic.

BE. Person- An individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, municipality or state agency.

BF. Private Sewage System- A sewage treatment and disposal system serving a single structure with a septic tank and soil absorption field located on the same parcel as the structure. This term also means an alternative sewage system approved by the Department of Commerce, including a substitute for the septic tank or soil absorption field, a holding tank, a system serving more than one structure, or a system located on a different parcel than the structure.

BG. Public Utilities- Those utilities using underground or overhead transmission lines such as electric, telephone and telegraph, and distribution and collection systems such as water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer.

BH. Reasonably Safe From Flooding- Means base flood waters will not inundate the land or damage structures to be removed from the special flood hazard area and that any subsurface waters related to the base flood will not damage existing or proposed buildings.

BI. Regional Flood- A flood determined to be representative of large floods known to have occurred in Wisconsin. A regional flood is a flood with one percent chance of being equaled or be exceeded in any given year, and if depicted on the FIRM, the RFE is equivalent to the BFE.

BJ. Start Of Construction- The date the building permit was issued, provided that the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of pilings, the construction of columns, or any work beyond initial excavation, or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling, nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways, nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations or the erection of temporary forms, nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For an alteration, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or

other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

BK. Structure- Any manmade object with form, shape and utility, either permanently or temporarily attached to, placed upon or set into the ground, stream bed or lake bed, which includes, but is not limited to, roofed and walled buildings, gas or liquid storage tanks, bridges, dams and culverts.

BL. Subdivision- Has the meaning given in s. 236.02(12), Wis. Stats.

BM. Substantial Damage- Damage of any origin sustained by a structure, whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its pre-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the equalized assessed value of the structure before the damage occurred.

BN. Substantial Improvements- Any structural repair, reconstruction or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the present equalized assessed value of the structure either before the improvement or repair is started, or if the structure has been damaged, and is being restored, before the damage occurred. The term does not, however, include either:

1. Any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which existed before the improvement began, was identified by a municipal official and are necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
2. Any alteration of a designated historical (see definition AM) structure or site documented as deserving preservation by the Wisconsin State Historical Society, or listed on the National Register of Historic Places provided the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as an historical structure. Ordinary maintenance repairs are not considered structural repairs, modifications or additions; such ordinary maintenance repairs include internal and external painting, decorating, paneling, and the replacement of doors, windows, and other nonstructural components.

BO. Unnecessary Hardships- Where special conditions affecting a particular property, which were not self-created, have made strict conformity with restrictions governing areas, setbacks, frontage, height or density unnecessarily burdensome or unreasonable in light of the purpose of the Ordinance.

BP. Variance- An authorization by the Board of Adjustment for the construction or maintenance of a building or structure in a manner which is inconsistent with dimensional standards (not uses) contained in the floodplain zoning ordinance.

BQ. Violation- The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the floodplain zoning ordinance. A structure or other development

without required permits, lowest floor elevation documentation, floodproofing certificates or required floodway encroachment calculations is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

BR. Watershed- The entire region contributing runoff or surface water to a watercourse or body of water.

BS. Water Surface Profile- A graphical representation showing the elevation of the surface water of a watercourse for each position along a reach of river or stream at a certain flood flow. A water surface profile of the regional flood is used in regulating floodplain areas.

BT. Well- An excavation opening in the ground made by digging, boring, drilling, driving, or other methods, to obtain groundwater regardless of its intended use.