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The Honorable Lili McMillan
Mayor, City of Orono
2750 Kelley Parkway
Orono, MN 55356

CONDITIONAL STATE APPROVAL OF FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE & REQUIRED NEXT STEPS

Dear Honorable Mayor McMillan,

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received via email on August 1, 2016, a draft floodplain management ordinance for the City of Orono from Community Development Director Jeremy Barnhart. This ordinance is being adopted in order to incorporate the *Flood Insurance Study, Hennepin County, Minnesota and Incorporated Areas* and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map panels with an effective date of November 4, 2016. The ordinance is also being adopted to incorporate floodplain ordinance text revisions mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The draft floodplain management ordinance substantially complies with the state floodplain management rules (MR 6120.5000 to 6120.6200) and, to the best of my knowledge, with the floodplain management standards of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Therefore, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F, I approve your draft floodplain management ordinance.

This approval is valid upon adoption of the draft ordinance by the city and receipt by this office of **one (1) copy each of the adopted ordinance (signed and stamped with the community seal), the affidavit of publication, and the completed "Ordinance Certification Checklist"** that I have enclosed. Please forward these documents to Ceil Strauss, the DNR's State NFIP Coordinator in St. Paul at the address above in the header. Upon receipt and verification, Ms. Strauss will transmit one copy of these materials to Mr. John Devine at FEMA's Chicago Regional Office.

Please remember, FEMA must receive a signed, certified, and in-effect ordinance no later than November 4, 2016. To allow sufficient time for processing and transmittal, we request that you submit the requested materials to the DNR no later than November 1, 2016. ***If FEMA has not received the documentation by the map effective date, FEMA will suspend the City from the National Flood Insurance Program.***



Please be advised that any future amendments of this ordinance or change in the designation of flood prone areas require prior approval of the Commissioner. In addition, you are required to send copies of hearing notices and final decisions pertaining to variance, conditional uses, and ordinance amendments to this agency. Please send those to State NFIP Coordinator Ceil Strauss at the above address. Should you have any questions on this ordinance or related matters, please contact Ms. Strauss at (651) 259-5713 or ceil.strauss@state.mn.us.

While our office in St. Paul will continue to be the main contact for the ordinance update, your DNR Area Hydrologist will continue to be your main contact for day to day assistance with administering your floodplain management ordinance and questions about other DNR water-related programs and permits. Your Area Hydrologist is Kate Drewry, who can be contacted at 651-259-5753 or kate.drewry@state.mn.us.

The DNR greatly appreciates your community's cooperation and initiative in providing for the reduction of flood damages through the adoption and administration of this ordinance.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Skillcox
Land Use Section Supervisor

Enclosures: Ordinance Certification Checklist

ec: Jeremy Barnhart, Community Development Director – City of Orono
Terri Yearwood, DNR Eco-Waters' Regional Manager
Jeanne Daniels, DNR Eco-Waters' District Manager
Kate Drewry, Area Hydrologist

ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

Please sign and return the checklist and all required documents to the DNR Floodplain Program office when completed.

1. July 2, 2016 Date(s) of published hearing notice.

2. July 18, 2016 Date(s) of public hearing.

3. _____ Date of ordinance adoption. Include 1 certified copy of the adopted ordinance text in its entirety including the signature of the chief elected official and the stamped seal of the community.

4. _____ Date of newspaper publication of adopted ordinance. Include 1 copy of affidavit of publication of the adopted ordinance. Publication of an ordinance summary is acceptable by statute.

5. _____ Date of official filing of adopted ordinance with County Recorder (_____ record book number and _____ page number). If filing of an adopted ordinance with the county auditor is not a standard practice, please indicate "N/A."

6. yes Board of Adjustment/Appeals has been established (yes or no).

Note: Cities under charter must also submit a list of any additional requirements for hearings, notices, etc. stated in their charter and not required by statute. Please specify:

Signature of Clerk/Auditor