

## ORDINANCE NO. 4551

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.07.010(c)(2) OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE FLOOD INSURANCE REPORT AND THE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS**

#### **Recitals:**

On April 5, 2010 the Grand Junction City Council adopted the updated 2010 Zoning and Development Code, codified as Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code of Ordinances.

The Grand Junction City Council encourages updating of the Zoning and Development Code in order to maintain its effectiveness and responsiveness to the citizens' best interests.

As part of the Big Pipe Project and in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), the City completed a floodplain study for Leach Creek and Ranchmen's Ditch, the Flood Insurance Study ("FIS"). The information was submitted to FEMA for review and approval. Based on the information FEMA produced new Flood Insurance Rate Maps ("FIRMs"). Both the City and FEMA have published the new FIRMs. No objections or appeals were entered regarding the published FIRMs. For FEMA, the FIRMs become effective as of October 16, 2012. For Title 21 to be current the new FIS and FIRMs need to be approved and adopted by City Council.

The City Council finds that adoption of the FIS and FIRMS promotes the health, safety and welfare of the community. The language proposed to amend the language for adoption of the FIS and FIRMs is appropriate.

#### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:**

The Flood Insurance Study and the accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps are adopted with the amendment to Section 21.07.010(c)(2) to read as follows:

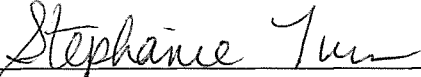
(2) Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has identified areas of special flood hazard in a scientific and engineering report entitled, "The Flood Insurance Study for Grand Junction," dated October 16, 2012. The study together with the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this code. The FIRMs may be superseded by local engineering studies approved by the Director, provided such studies fully describe and analyze, based on the FIRMs and generally accepted engineering practice, design floodwater build-out conditions.

All other provisions of Section 21.07.010(c) shall remain in full force and effect.

INTRODUCED on first reading the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

PASSED and ADOPTED on second reading the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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President of the Council

