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City of Plano Public Works and Engineering Assists Residents in Obtaining Flood Insurance Letter of Map Amendment

The City of Plano Public Works and Engineering Department provides assistance to persons needing help in determining if their property is in a floodplain.

New Federal Emergency Management Agency digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps became effective in June 2009. FEMA did not perform any hydrology or hydraulic analysis to revise the flood plain elevations. Instead, they used the 2001 North Central Texas Council of Governments digital topography and to show the previous flood plain elevations on those digital maps

This new mapping is supposed to be more accurate than the previous mapping; however, the revised mapping gives the appearance that many homes not previously in a flood plain under the old mapping now appear to be located in a flood plain. Those residents may be notified by their mortgage companies that their homes are now in a flood plain and they will need to purchase flood insurance.

If a homeowner believes they are not in the flood plain, the only option to waive the purchase of flood insurance is to obtain a *Letter of Map Amendment*. This requires the finished floor and ground elevations of the house be surveyed by a surveyor hired by the homeowner to verify the elevation of the house and adjacent ground is above flood plain elevation.

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City of Plano staff is working with homeowners to provide them with information they can use to request a *Letter of Map Amendment*.

Anyone wishing flood plain information may call the Public Works and Engineering Department at 972-941-7152 for assistance in determining if their property is in a flood plain.



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