

Legislation Text

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Charlotte's Improved Rating in the National Flood Insurance Program

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Explanation

- On April 1, 2017 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the City of its designation as a Community Rating System (CRS) Class 4 Community. This designation resulted from a 2016 submittal and review of Charlotte programs and ordinances related to flood resiliency, land use, stormwater management, and environmental protection.
- The National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) CRS is a voluntary incentive program that encourages floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum federal requirements. The NFIP is administered locally by Mecklenburg County on the City's behalf.
- Flood insurance rates are discounted in CRS-participating communities to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions.
- The floodplain management activity implemented by Charlotte now qualifies residents for a 30 percent discount in flood insurance premiums.
- Charlotte is now one of only 12 communities in the nation to receive such designation, placing Charlotte in the top one-percent of 1,200 participating communities. Officials from FEMA, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, and Mecklenburg County will be present to recognize this designation.

Future Action

For informational purposes only.