

## NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

### Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rules

**What are we proposing?** The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to amend the Reference Standard regarding the Flood Insurance Rate Maps published by FEMA.

- **When and where is the hearing?** DOB will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. The public hearing will take place at 11am on 11/7/22
  - Join through Internet – Desktop app:

To join the hearing via your browser either click on the following URL link or copy and paste it into your browser's address bar. Then follow the prompts to either continue using the browser or download/open the Teams desktop app.

<https://tinyurl.com/Buildings2022Flood>

Enter your name when prompted and click the **“Join now”** button. If you don't have computer audio or prefer to phone in for audio, select **“Phone audio”** under **“Other join options”** then click the **“Join now”** button. You will first be placed in a waiting status in the virtual lobby, then be admitted when the hearing begins. If you are using phone audio then follow the dial-in instructions when prompted.

If you have low bandwidth or inconsistent Internet connection, we suggest you use the Phone audio option for the hearing. This will reduce the possibility of dropped audio and stutters.

- Join through Internet - Smartphone app:

To join using the Microsoft Teams app on your smartphone, click on the following URL link from your phone to automatically open the Teams app. Note that the Microsoft Teams app must already be installed on your smartphone. It is available for free both in the Apple Store and Google Play.

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When prompted select “Join meeting”. Type your name and then select “Join meeting” again. You will first be placed in a waiting status in the virtual lobby, then be admitted when the hearing begins.

Alternatively, open the Teams app and select “Join a meeting”. Signing in with an account is not required. Type your name, the following Meeting ID and Passcode, then select “Join meeting”.

Meeting ID: 223 423 768 851

Passcode: VX3ChY (Code is case sensitive)

- Join via phone only:

To join the meeting only by phone, use the following information to connect:

Phone: 646-893-7101

Phone Conference ID: 763 719 811#

You will first be placed in a waiting status in the virtual lobby, then be admitted when the hearing begins.

**How do I comment on the proposed rules?** Anyone can comment on the proposed rules by:

- **Website.** You can submit comments to the DOB through the NYC rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>.
- **Email.** You can email comments to [dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov).
- **Mail.** You can mail comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, 280 Broadway, 7th floor, New York, NY 10007.
- **Fax.** You can fax comments to the New York City Department of Buildings, Office of the General Counsel, at 212-566-3843.
- **Speaking at the hearing.** Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up by emailing [dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov) by 10/31/22 and including your name and affiliation. While you will be given the opportunity during the hearing to indicate that you would like to provide comments, we prefer that you sign up in advance. You can speak for up to three minutes.

**Is there a deadline to submit comments?** Yes, you must submit comments by 11/7/22.

**What if I need assistance to participate in the hearing?** You must tell the Office of the General Counsel if you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability at the hearing. You can tell us by email at [dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov). Advance notice is requested to allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation. You must tell us by 10/24/22.

This location has the following accessibility option(s) available: Simultaneous transcription for people who are hearing impaired, and audio only access for those who are visually impaired.

**Can I review the comments made on the proposed rules?** You can review the comments made online on the proposed rules by going to the website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/>. Copies of all comments submitted online, copies of all written comments and a summary of oral comments concerning the proposed rule will be

available to the public at the Office of the General Counsel and may be requested by email at [dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:dobrules@buildings.nyc.gov).

**What authorizes DOB to make this rule?** Sections 643 and 1043(a) of the City Charter and section 28-103.19 of the New York City Administrative Code authorize DOB to make this proposed rule. This proposed rule was not included in DOB’s regulatory agenda for this Fiscal Year because it was not contemplated when DOB published the agenda.

**Where can I find DOB’s rules?** DOB’s rules are in Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York.

**What rules govern the rulemaking process?** DOB must meet the requirements of Section 1043 of the City Charter when creating or changing rules. This notice is made according to the requirements of Section 1043(b) of the City Charter.

### **Statement of Basis and Purpose of Rule**

This rule updates the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) to incorporate Letters of Map Revision approved by FEMA which will go into effect in November 2022 for Raritan Bay, centered approximately 720 feet southeast of Chelsea Street and Billop Avenue in Staten Island. This amendment ensures New York City’s continued compliance with and eligibility to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The update is achieved by amendment to Reference Standard FEMA FIRM 360497, as identified in Section BC G402 of the building code.

The Department of Buildings’ authority for these rules is found in sections 643 and 1043 of the New York City Charter and section 28-103.19 of the New York City Administrative Code.

New material is underlined.

[Deleted material is in brackets.]

Asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate unamended text.

“Shall” and “must” denote mandatory requirements and may be used interchangeably in the rules of this department, unless otherwise specified or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Section 3606-03 of Chapter 3600 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

**§3606-03 Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) Letters of Map Revision.**

Pursuant to Section 28-103.19 of the Administrative Code, the reference standard FEMA FIRMs 360497, as identified in Section BC G402 of the Building Code, is modified for New York City to read as follows:

<p>FEMA FIRMs 360497</p>	<p>Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Number 360497, Panel Numbers 1 through 0457, Revised September 5, 2007; Federal Emergency Management Agency, <i>with the following Letters of Map Revision:</i> <i>Letter of Map Revision effective September 29, 2008, FEMA case # 08-02-0948P, revising FIRM panel 0111,</i> <i>Letter of Map Revision effective April 18, 2018, FEMA case # 17-02-1503P, revising FIRM panels 0092F, 0094F, 0111F, and 0113F,</i> <i>Letter of Map Revision effective June 2, 2021, FEMA case # 20-02-1119P, revising FIRM panel 0116F, [and]</i> <i>Letter of Map Revision effective June 16, 2021, FEMA case # 20-02-1564P, revising FIRM panel 0314F,</i> <u><i>and Letter of Map Revision effective November 17, 2022, FEMA case #21-02-1113P, revising FIRM panels 0313F and 0451F.</i></u></p>	<p>G102.2, G102.3, G102.3.1, G102.3.2, G103.3, G201.2</p>
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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
CHARTER §1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE:** Amendment of Reference Standard for Flood Insurance Rate Maps

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 2022 RG 063

**RULEMAKING AGENCY:** Department of Buildings

I certify that this office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed rule as required by section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the above-referenced proposed rule:

- (i) is drafted so as to accomplish the purpose of the authorizing provisions of law;
- (ii) is not in conflict with other applicable rules;
- (iii) to the extent practicable and appropriate, is narrowly drawn to achieve its stated purpose; and
- (iv) to the extent practicable and appropriate, contains a statement of basis and purpose that provides a clear explanation of the rule and the requirements imposed by the rule.

/s/ STEVEN GOULDEN  
Acting Corporation Counsel

Date: September 16, 2022

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**CERTIFICATION / ANALYSIS  
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 1043(d)**

**RULE TITLE: Amendment of Reference Standard for Flood Insurance Rate Maps**

**REFERENCE NUMBER: DOB-154**

**RULEMAKING AGENCY: Department of Buildings**

I certify that this office has analyzed the proposed rule referenced above as required by Section 1043(d) of the New York City Charter, and that the proposed rule referenced above:

- (i) Is understandable and written in plain language for the discrete regulated community or communities;
- (ii) Minimizes compliance costs for the discrete regulated community or communities consistent with achieving the stated purpose of the rule; and
- (iii) Does not provide a cure period because it does not establish a violation, modification of a violation, or modification of the penalties associated with a violation.

/s/ Francisco X. Navarro  
Mayor's Office of Operations

September 17, 2022  
Date