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INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: APPENDIX B – COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF 2010, PART 3 USE DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.50 STATUTORY AUTHORITY, FINDINGS OF FACT, PURPOSE AND METHODS OF FLOOD HAZARD PREVENTION; SECTION 3.5008 PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION.

(ZONING CASE NO. 21-03-02TXT)

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the Covington Code of Ordinances, Appendix B – Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 3 Use Districts, Section 3.50 Statutory Authority, Findings of Fact, Purpose and Methods of Flood Hazard Prevention; Section 3.5008 Provisions For Flood Hazard Reduction.

and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Appendix B – Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 3 Use Districts, Section 3.50 Statutory Authority, Findings of Fact, Purpose and Methods of Flood Hazard Prevention; Section 3.5008 Provisions For Flood Hazard Reduction., shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3.50. - Statutory authority, findings of fact, purpose and methods of flood hazard prevention.

3.5008. Provisions for flood hazard reduction.

1. *General standards.* In all areas of special flood hazards, the following provisions are required for all new construction and substantial improvements:

   a. All new construction or substantial improvements shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy;

   b. All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;

   c. All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage;

   d. ~~All new construction or substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding~~ All new and replacement electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding, such facilities shall be located a minimum of 12" inches above the Base Flood Elevation.;

   e. All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems;

   f. New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharge from the systems into floodwaters; and

   g. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.

2. Specific standards. In all areas of special flood hazards where base flood elevation data has been provided as set forth in (i) 3.5006.2; (ii) 3.5007.2.g; or (iii) 3.5008.3.c [of this section 3.50] the following provisions are required:

   a. Residential construction: New construction or substantial improvement of any residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated ~~to or~~ twelve (12") inches or one (1') foot above the base flood elevation. A registered professional engineer architect, or land surveyor shall submit a certification to the administrative official that the standard of this subsection, as proposed in 3.5007.3.a.i [of this section 3.50] is satisfied.

   b. Nonresidential construction: New construction and substantial improvements of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall ~~either~~ have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated ~~to or~~ twelve (12") inches or one (1') foot above the base flood level ~~or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, be designed so that below the base flood level the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water and with structural components have the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy.~~ A registered professional engineer or architect shall develop and/or review structural design,

specifications and plans for the construction and shall certify that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice as outlined in this subsection. ~~A record of such certification, that includes the specific elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of flood proofed structures, shall be maintained by the floodplain administrator.~~

c. Enclosures: New construction and substantial improvement, with fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding, shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum criteria:

i. A minimum of two openings, having a total net area of not less than one square inch of every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding, shall be provided.

ii. The bottoms of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade.

iii. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

d. Mobile homes:

i. Require that all manufactured homes to be placed within zone A shall be installed using methods and practices that minimize flood damage. For the purpose of this requirement, mobile homes must be elevated and anchored to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces.

ii. All mobile homes shall be in compliance with 3.5008.2.a.that requires that all mobile homes, including in existing mobile home parks, to be placed or substantially improved within zones A1-30, AH and AE on the community's FIRM be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest ~~floor~~ point of the lowest horizontal structural member of the manufactured home is at or above twelve (12") inches or one (1') foot above the base flood elevation and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system in accordance with the provision 3.5008.2.d [of this section 3.50].

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Appendix B – Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2010, Part 3 Use Districts, Section 3.5.0 Statutory Authority, Findings of Fact, Purpose and Methods of Flood Hazard Prevention; Section 3.5008 Provisions For Flood Hazard Reduction., shall be amended to read as follows:, shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Botsford, seconded by Verret.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2021.

LARRY ROLLING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 9th day of June, 2021, at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 9th day of June, 2021.

MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 9th day of June, 2021, at 11:35 o'clock __.M.

JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK