

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** William T. Lichter, Village Manager

**FROM:** David A. Hulseberg, AICP, Director of Community Development

**DATE:** November 22, 2004

**SUBJECT: BOT 04-19: An Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 151, Section 151.06  
“Flood Insurance Study” of the Village of Lombard’s Code of Ordinances**

Please place the attached ordinance on the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Trustees meeting agenda. This ordinance would update the Code to reference the newly published Flood Insurance Study including new Regulatory Flood Maps dated July 1, 2004. The Village must adopt the new Study by December 16, 2004 in order to maintain good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program. The maps can be viewed through a link on the Village’s website.

### BACKGROUND:

The Village of Lombard entered the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1978. Participation in the NFIP enables property owners to purchase flood insurance. The NFIP maps are created and maintained by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Village’s current maps were created in 1978 and are called Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary & Floodway Maps. These maps were based on somewhat detailed engineering flood studies but were largely limited in their accuracy by the 10’ interval topographic maps that were used to scale the floodplain limits.

DuPage County and FEMA have created the new maps, called Regulatory Floodplain Maps. Community Development and Public Works engineering staffs have reviewed the maps through their draft stage. The maps are dated July 1, 2004 but they will not officially become effective for flood insurance until December 16, 2004, when FEMA’s public notification period expires. However, the Village can use these maps now to review building permits. The proposed Code amendment would immediately make the maps the legal reference for building permits and would enable the Village to maintain good standing in the NFIP following the December 16, 2004 deadline.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the Public Works Committee recommend that the Village Board approve this ordinance.

Please call David Gorman x-5973 or me at x-5756 if you have questions.

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attachments: BOT cover memo and Ordinance

cc: Wesley B. Anderson, PE, Director of Public Works  
David Gorman, PE, Development Engineer