

RESOLUTION 6-C-19

A RESOLUTION REFERRING A PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGARDING POTENTIAL CHANGES TO THE
FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town's current floodplain policy is to retain floodplains in their natural state to mitigate flooding, protect water quality, and provide for open space and wetland habitats;

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance governing the Floodplain Overlay District generally restrict any use, development or activity that will cause any increase in the 100-year flood elevation, and these provisions apply to the University zoning district;

WHEREAS, to promote mobility, access and safety in the Town and Virginia Tech campus, the Town of Blacksburg is dedicated to constructing a grid network system of roads;

WHEREAS, the Town is committed to working with Virginia Tech on key issues such as transportation, implementation of the University Master Plan and the Town's Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, the Western Perimeter Road on the Virginia Tech campus will promote better traffic distribution and connectivity for both the Town and the University;

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) allows modifications to a recorded floodplain based on the implementation of physical measures within the floodplain and has a process of review for all such requests called a Letter of Map Revision;

WHEREAS, it may be in the best interests of the Town to consider allowing FEMA to review any floodplain rise requests related to infrastructure proposals within the University zoning district that have limited impacts on the overall floodplain function; and

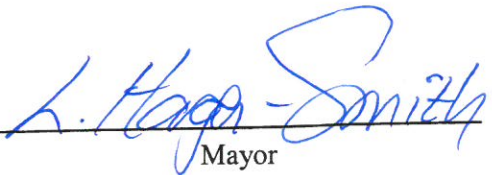
WHEREAS, the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg that the following changes to the Zoning Ordinance are proposed and referred to the Planning Commission:

- a. An amendment to Zoning Ordinance § 3241 to exclude infrastructure projects within the University zoning district that have an approved Conditional Letter of Map Revision from FEMA;

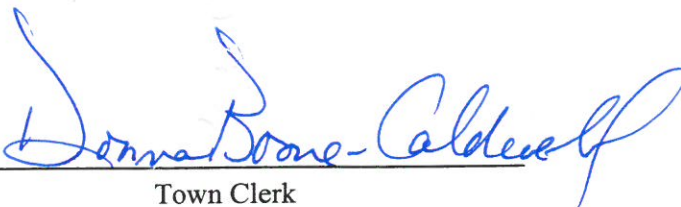
- b. An amendment to Zoning Ordinance § 3246 to include FEMA Letter of Map Revision changes as an approved method of revising the floodplain boundary map.
- c. An amendment to Zoning Ordinance § 3249.2 to include a definition of infrastructure that can include, but is not limited to, roads, trails and other items that are critical elements in the transportation network.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission is further requested to propose other amendments to related sections of the Zoning Ordinance, the Subdivision Ordinance or the Town Code as necessary for consistency with the amendments described in the preceding paragraph.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk

Date of Adoption: 