



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260196

Submitted Department/Preparer: City Planning

Revised 12/03/25

Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Amending Chapter 28, Code of Ordinances, Floodplain Management and enacting revised section 28-51 General Standards, Section 28-52 Specific Standards, and Section 28-53 Manufactured Homes. These revisions are required for Kansas City to remain a Class 8 community or improve class in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System (CRS). CRS is a voluntary FEMA incentive program that encourages floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which helps City residents access discounted flood insurance premiums.

Discussion

The accompanying ordinance amendment language is prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to comply with the latest Community Rating System (CRS) requirements. The existing City regulations include provisions that exceed FEMA's minimum requirements in a few areas. These above-minimum requirements allow the City to achieve an improved NFIP "Community Rating System" score that provides for discounted flood insurance rates for all Kansas City properties. These include a requirement for one-foot "freeboard" (ie safety factor) above the predicted flood elevation, as well as provisions to address hazardous materials, storage, critical facilities, cumulative improvement and agricultural structures.

These current amendment revisions clarify that mechanical, electrical, and equipment are also located one (1) foot above the base flood elevation, and the removal of the exception for manufactured home's elevation in existing trailer parks.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
Not applicable. Existing floodplain management program required by FEMA will remain.
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Not applicable this fiscal year.
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
Continuation of existing floodplain management program required by FEMA.
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
By regulating the floodplain this legislation simply allows Kansas City, Missouri residents to be able to obtain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

This legislation has no fiscal impact

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.

- Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
- Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.
- Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.
- Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

Ordinance No. 230932 was approved by Council on November 9, 2023

Service Level Impacts

No impact expected.

Staff Recommendation

City Planning & Development

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Select One: Recommend
 Do Not Recommend
 Not Applicable

To comply with FEMA.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
None, authorizing this ordinance is not expected to have any health impacts.

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

Not applicable. FEMA drafted language.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
Effective floodplain management should reduce flooding damage to City properties as well as provide life safety.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?

No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

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6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)