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PLANNING BOARD

April 16, 2021

Councilor Hugh Dunn, Chairman
Committee on Ordinances
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

RE: **ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT**
CASE #21-16: Flood Hazard Overlay District

Dear Chairman Dunn:

This is to advise you of Planning Board action on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 regarding the proposed request for amending the City of New Bedford Zoning By-laws, Chapter 9, Section 4400 with updated definitions, requirements, and references to the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study report that will become effective on July 6, 2021. **The Planning Board sends a favorable recommendation for this proposal.**

Chairwoman Kathryn Duff welcomed the update and asked the Acting City Planner, Anne Louro, to summarize the changes. Anne Louro informed the members that the amendments to the City ordinance will ensure that the City complies with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and the proposed amendment makes required changes based on a model provided by the State.

After closing the public hearing, a motion was made in the affirmative to recommend amending the City of New Bedford Zoning By-Laws, Chapter 9, Section 4400 with updated definitions, requirements, and references to the Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study report that will become effective on July 6, 2021.

The motion passed on a vote of 5-0, with board members A. Kalife, P. Cruz, A. Glassman, K. Khazan, and K. Duff recorded in favor; no board members recorded in opposition.

As such the **Planning Board sends a favorable recommendation for this proposal**. Please find enclosed the Department of City Planning Memo regarding this matter for the Council's convenience and reference.

Sincerely,



Anne Louro

Acting Director, Department of City Planning

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- Department of City Planning Memo, dated March 26, 2021

cc. Jon Mitchell, Mayor

Danny Romanowicz, Building Commissioner

Mikaela McDermott, City Solicitor

Dennis Farias, City Clerk