

THE OKLAHOMA WATER RESOURCES BOARD



**OKLAHOMA'S
Floodplain Management
101**

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OKLAHOMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ACT

pages 41 & 47

- **Title 82, Section 1601-1618, as amended.**
- **Appendix 2-2 of Textbook.**
- **Legislature recognized need for a united effort between local and state government to combat recurrent flood damages.**
- **Act establishes state & local partnership.**

The Act

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- **Purpose & Policy**
- **Protect the natural & beneficial functions of the floodplain...**
- **Assist state agencies, local governments & the private sector in developing local floodplain management programs &**
- **In obtaining training & funding therefore;**
- **Procure flood insurance for those that desire to participate in this federal program.**

Community Participation Procedures page 41, 42 & 53-56

- **OWRB meets with community officials;**
- **Community establishes floodplain board;**
- **Flood board drafts ordinance & releases public notice;**
- **Board holds hearing;**
- **Board adopts regulations;**
- **Board certifies Public Meeting requirements were met;**
- **Board adopts resolution;**
- **Community governing body approves resolution.**

OWRB SUBMITTAL

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- **Floodplain board must submit hearing notice to OWRB 30 days prior to hearing.**
- **Floodplain board must submit draft regulations to OWRB 30 days prior to adoption.**
- **Community submits adopted & approved regulations to OWRB within 15 days of approval.**

ADOPTION

- **FLOODPLAIN BOARD PUBLISHES PRESS RELEASE IN LOCAL PAPER;**
- **BOARD HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING AFTER 30 DAYS;**
- **BOARD CONSIDERS ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS AT HEARING;**
- **BOARD CONSIDERS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING REGULATIONS;**

APPROVAL

- **City council, Town Board or County Commissioners consider/s approval of the Floodplain Board's Floodplain Management Regulations.**
- **City council, Town Board or Commissioners shall Resolve approval of the regulations.**

Participation Procedures

- **Floodplain Board completes packet and submits original to OWRB.**
- **OWRB staff reviews packet.**
- **If regulations or ordinance complies with 44 CFR and State Law,**
- **OWRB submits to FEMA.**

OWRB Staff Provides

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- **Assistance in establishing floodplain boards;**
- **Coordinates floodplain activities between local, state & federal entities;**
- **Provides new types of information, brochures, publications;**
- **Serve as State Floodplain Board;**
- **Provides general technical assistance with all floodplain matters, in general.**

Floodplain Management

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- **Floodplain Management Standards:**
 - Chapter 3 details these standards;
 - No use permitted in floodway can result in BFE increase;
 - Homes must be built at or above BFE in fringe, same for businesses;
 - In A Zones, can not increase BFE by more than one foot;
 - If proposed development will change the BFE, must follow map revision procedures, 65.12;

Community Responsibilities p-44

- The Act directs communities to establish flood boards and adopt regulations;
- Submit draft regulations to OWRB for review before adopting, to allow for changes if needed.
- Once communities are participants in the NFIP, they shall ensure compliance with THEIR regulations.

ENFORCEMENT

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- **Communities not in the NFIP or have been suspended from the program can not receive certain types of disaster assistance;**
- **Citizens in the floodplain in communities not in the Program can not be eligible for individual assistance;**
- **OWRB & FEMA will work with communities to achieve compliance;**
- **OWRB & FEMA works with community to demonstrate good faith effort before asking FEMA to take enforcement action.**

State Owned or Operated Property page 44 & 45

- Rules cover any type of development on this property in the 1% chance floodplain per Title 82;
- To abide by the NFIP Standards;
- To protect the public health, safety & general welfare from flood damage.
- Chapter 55 can be found at www.owrb.state.ok.us .

Landlord & Seller Responsibility pages 45, 59-65

- **1986 law requires landlords to disclose flood info on rental property-see Appendix 2-4;**
- **1995 law requires seller to disclose known defects to property-see Appendix 2-5.**

ACCREDITATION page 241

- **To allow participation in program floodplain boards are authorized to hire & employ an accredited floodplain administrator.**
- **Floodplain administrator means a person accredited by the OWRB and designated by a floodplain board, to administer & implement laws & regulations relating to the management of floodplains.**

Benefits of Participation

- **Flood Insurance;**
- **Mitigation Funds (FMA, PDM & HMGP)**
pages 225 & 226;
- **Individual & Family Grants & Loans;**
- **State Mitigation Funding;**
- **Technical Assistance;**
- **Free Education and Training.**

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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- **MANAGING FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE NFIP;**
- **OFMA SPRING WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE;**
- **OWRB ONE DAY WORKSHOPS;**
- **SISTER STATES.**

NO ADVERSE IMPACT page 207

- **IS TODAY'S FLOODPLAIN TOMORROW'S FLOODPLAIN?**
- **IS BUILDING TO THE BFE ENSURING BUILDINGS WILL BE REASONABLE SAFE FROM FLOODING?**
- **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE BUILD, FILL OR ENFRINGE ON THE NATURAL FLOODPLAIN?**

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- **MAP ORDER 1-800-358-9616**
- **PUBS 1-800-480-2520**
- **MAP QUESTIONS 1-877-336-2627**
- **NFIP QUESTIONS 1-800-427-4661**
- **OWRB (405) 530-8800**

Thank You

Any Questions ?

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