

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI
OF THE WORCESTER ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED APRIL 2, 1991
RELATIVE TO THE FLOODPLAIN OVERLAY DISTRICT

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Worcester as follows:

SECTION 1. Article VI, Section 4 of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following new Section 4 is inserted in lieu thereof:

“Section 4 – Definition and Establishment of the Floodplain Overlay District

A. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the City of Worcester designated as Zone A, AO and AE on the Worcester County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Worcester County FIRMs that are wholly or partially within the City of Worcester are panel numbers 25027C0595E, 25027C0610E, 25027C0611E, 25027C0612E, 25027C0613E, 25027C0614E, 25027C0616E, 25027C0618E, 25027C0620E, 25027C0638E, 25027C0801E, 25027C0802E, 25027C0806E, 25027C0807E, 25027C0808E, 25027C0809E, and 25027C0826E, dated July 4, 2011. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Worcester County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 4, 2011. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the City Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and the Department of Inspectional Services.

B. Base Flood Elevation Data. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones.”

SECTION 2. Article VI, Section 6(B) of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsections 1 and 2 in their entirety and re-designating subsection 3 as subsection 1.

SECTION 3. Article VI, Section 6(C) of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsections 1 (the first one) and 2 in their entirety.

SECTION 4. Article VI, Section 6(D) of the Worcester Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting subsections 1, 23, and 4 in their entirety and insert the following new subsections in lieu thereof:

- “1. that section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high hazard areas (currently 780 CMR 120.G, "Flood Resistant Construction and Construction in Coastal Dunes");
2. Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
3. Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00); and
4. Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5).”

In City Council June 14, 2011
Passed to be ordained by a yeas and nays vote of Nine Yeas and No Nays

A Copy. Attest: David J. Rushford
David J. Rushford
City Clerk