

Base Flood Elevation Determination for Polk County, Iowa and Incorporated Areas

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is currently updating the City of Pleasant Hill's floodplain map. This map, once finalized, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates. There is a 90 day appeal period, starting December 16th, 2009, open to any person who can provide technical data that contradicts the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Below is the notice that appeared in the December 9th and 16th, 2009 Des Moines Register.

"The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency solicits technical information or comments on the proposed Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Pleasant Hill. These proposed BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that Pleasant Hill is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For a detailed listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the statutory period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp, or call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP."

The City of Pleasant Hill has the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map available for public viewing. The FEMA website and phone number provided above has additional information regarding this appeal period. If you have any questions about the appeal process, or if you would like to see the Preliminary FIRM, please contact Russ Paul at 515-309-9464.