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The Honorable Jerry Mouton, Jr.
Mayor, City of Deer Park
Post Office Box 700
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Dear Mayor Mouton:

I am writing this letter as an official reminder that the City of Deer Park, Texas, has until January 6, 2017, to adopt and have the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office approve floodplain management measures that satisfy 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.

The City of Deer Park must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements (copy enclosed) by January 6, 2017, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, your community becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP, new insurance policies cannot be sold, and existing policies cannot be renewed.

The NFIP State Coordinating Office for your State has verified that Texas communities may include language in their floodplain management measures that automatically adopt the most recently available flood elevation data provided by FEMA. Your community's floodplain management measures may already be sufficient if the measures include suitable automatic adoption language and are otherwise in accordance with the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The NFIP State Coordinator can assist you further in clarifying questions you may have about automatic adoption.

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners seeking any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This financial assistance includes certain federally guaranteed mortgages and direct loans, federal disaster relief loans and grants, as well as other similarly described assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

In addition, all loans individuals obtain from Federally regulated, supervised, or insured lending institutions that are secured by improved real estate located in SFHAs are also contingent upon the borrower obtaining flood insurance coverage on the building. However, purchasing and maintaining flood insurance coverage on a voluntary basis is frequently recommended for properties located outside SFHAs.

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Your NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA would like to assist the City of Deer Park to ensure it remains in good standing with the NFIP and avoids suspension from the Program. If your community is suspended, it may regain its eligibility in the NFIP by enacting the floodplain management measures established in 44 CFR Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. As stated in my previous correspondence, I recommend you contact your NFIP State Coordinator or the FEMA Regional Office if the City of Deer Park is encountering difficulties in enacting its measures.

I recognize that your community may be in the final adoption process or may have recently adopted the appropriate floodplain management measures. Please submit these measures to the Floodplain Management Program at the Texas Water Development Board. Michael Segner, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, is accessible by telephone at (512) 463-3509, in writing at 1700 North Congress Avenue, Post Office Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231, or by electronic mail at michael.segner@twddb.texas.gov.

The FEMA Regional staff in Denton, Texas, is also available to assist you with your floodplain management measures. The FEMA Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (940) 898-5127 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region VI, at Federal Regional Center, 800 North Loop 288, Denton, Texas 76209-3698.

In the event your community does not adopt and/or submit the necessary floodplain management measures that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements, I must take the necessary steps to suspend your community from the NFIP. This letter is FEMA's final notification before your community is suspended from the Program.

Sincerely,



Rachel Sears, Director
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Enclosure

cc: Tony Robinson, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region VI
Michael Segner, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, Texas Water Development Board
Kathy Holcomb, Administrative Assistant, Public Works, City of Deer Park