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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Robbin Bell
Mayor, City of Herington
17 North Broadway
Herington, Kansas 67449

Dear Mayor Bell:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the City of Herington, Kansas, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on March 13, 2024; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated September 13, 2023, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Dickinson County. Therefore, the City of Herington should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the City of Herington will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture. You may contact Tara Lanzrath, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (785) 296-2513, in writing at 1131 Southwest Winding Road, Suite 400, Topeka, Kansas 66615, or by electronic mail at tara.lanzrath@ks.gov.

The FEMA Regional staff in Kansas City, Missouri, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the City of Herington and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (816) 283-7061 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region 7, at 11224 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64131-3626.

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You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until March 13, 2024, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by March 13, 2024. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Additional information on community suspensions as proposed, other notices of current NFIP community status information, and details regarding updated publication requirements of community eligibility status information under the NFIP can be found on the Community Status Book section of our website at www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book. Notices for scheduled suspension will be available on the National Flood Insurance Community Status and Public Notification section of our website at www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book/public-notification. Individuals without internet access will be able to contact their local floodplain management official and/or NFIP State Coordinating Office directly for assistance.

Sincerely,



Rachel Sears, Director
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cc: Andrea Spillars, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 7
Tara Lanzrath, CFM, NFIP State Coordinator, Kansas Department of Agriculture
James Masters, Code Enforcement, City of Herington