

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: C-11

DATE: January 22, 2009

SUBJECT: Set Public Hearing: Amendments to Sultan Municipal Code Chapter 17.08, Flood Damage Prevention.

CONTACT PERSON: Robert Martin, Community Development Director

ISSUE: Update Sultan Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 17.08, Flood Damage Prevention to accommodate changes called for in recent Community Assistance Visit (CAV) by Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the Council set February 12, 2009 as the date for a Public Hearing on Amendment to SMC Chapter 17.08, Flood Damage Prevention.

SUMMARY:
Due to the extensive portion of the City that is in the Skykomish/Sultan River Floodplain, the City is heavily involved in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). An important component of this program is the Community Rating System (CRS) that assigns value to various activities by the community in pursuit of effective flood loss management. Sultan is a participant in the CRS and has a high rating of Class 7, documenting ongoing and effective flood loss management. This high rating results in reduced flood insurance premiums for residents of the City who are in the NFIP.

The DOE and FEMA periodically engage in Community Assistance Visit (CAV) interactions with local communities to assist them in keeping current and if possible, increasing their insurance rating. Sultan had a CAV this summer. On July 9, 2008, the City received a letter outlining the activities that would keep Sultan current with its favorable insurance rating.

The proposed Amendments are not provided with this Agenda Cover to allow the Planning Board to hold its Public Hearing on the changes at their January 20th Meeting. The Planning Board will forward the text of the proposed Amendment and its Recommendation in the City Council's February 12th Agenda Packet.