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RE: Notice of Proposed Floodplain Map Updates for Channel 6 and Associated Segments

Dear Property Owner:

You are receiving this letter because you own property along Channel 6 or segments of the I-5 Canal and Q Street Canal that connect Channel 6 to the Willamette River. The City recently updated the data it uses to determine the floodplain maps for Channel 6 and portions of the I-5 and Q Street Canals that connect Channel 6 to the Willamette River.

Over time, changes have been made to Channel 6 either through land development or natural causes, such as erosion, that have changed the specific area along Channel 6 at risk for flooding. The City wants to make improvements that will reduce the flood risk to structures in the area. In order to make the improvements, federal regulations require the City to amend the 1985 data and floodplain maps currently on file with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Additionally, new technology is now available to more accurately map the floodplain for an area.

Depending on the location of your property along Channel 6 or segments of the I-5 Canal and Q Street Canal that connect Channel 6 to the Willamette River, the status of your property being in or out of the floodplain map may change due to the floodplain map updates.

Detailed maps and technical analysis of the proposed floodplain map updates are available for review from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, at the Development and Public Works Department in the southeast wing of Springfield City Hall located at 225 Fifth Street in Springfield. These maps and analysis, as well as Frequently Asked Questions and Answers, are also available on the City's website at <http://www.springfield-or.gov/Channel6>.

Please see the back of this letter for the official notice and map of the area included in the proposed floodplain map updates.

If you have any questions about this letter with the official notice, please contact me at 541.726.3660 or jdonovan@springfield-or.gov.

Sincerely,

Jim Donovan
Planning Supervisor and Floodplain Administrator

Official Notice:

Addressee map and tax lot number(s): «maptaxlot»

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for communities to depict the 100-year floodplain associated with waterways in a community. The 100-year floodplain is the area which has been determined to be subject to a 1% chance of flooding in any given year (also known as the special flood hazard area). The FIRM is used to determine flood insurance rates and to help communities like Springfield with floodplain management.

The City of Springfield is applying to FEMA for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to revise FIRM panels 41039C1133F, 410391134F, and 410391141F along Channel 6 and portions of the I-5 and Q Street Canals that connect Channel 6 to the Willamette River to more accurately map the flood hazard area of Channel 6.

In accordance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulation 65.7(b)(1), the City of Springfield Development and Public Works Department hereby gives notice of the City's intent to establish the 1% annual chance (100-year) floodway, generally located on Channel 6 in Springfield. Specifically, as a result of the LOMR, the floodway shall be established along Channel 6 from the I-5 Canal to 5th Street, along the I-5 Canal from the Q Street Canal to Harlow Road, and along the Q Street Canal from Interstate 5 to Fairhaven Street. The LOMR will also result in: 1) establishment of 1% annual chance water-surface elevations, also known as Base Flood Elevations (BFE); 2) narrowing of the 1% annual chance floodplain along a majority of these same reaches of waterways; and 3) widening of the 1% annual chance floodplain where out-of channel flooding (largely less than 1 foot in depth) is modeled to occur.

