

November 21, 2025

XYZ County Commission  
Insert Name Here, Commission Chair  
102 Main Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

RE: Senate Bill 2027 – Floodplain Ordinance Update & Community Certification Requirement

Dear Commission Chair:

As previously communicated, Senate Bill 2027 (SB 2027) took effect on August 1, 2025. SB 2027 made several changes to North Dakota Century Code related to floodplain management authority. Upon further review with Department of Water Resource's (DWR) legal counsel, it was determined the specific statute authorizing communities to regulate floodplains has changed. As a result, each North Dakota community is required to update their floodplain management ordinance to ensure compliance with State and Federal law.

If your community's floodplain management ordinance has been updated since October 1, 2020, then only an ordinance amendment is necessary. However, if the ordinance has not been updated since October 1, 2020, then a full ordinance update will be necessary. Model ordinances and model amendments are available on the North Dakota DWR website, [www.dwr.nd.gov](http://www.dwr.nd.gov).

Also, per SB 2027, all North Dakota communities will need to annually certify to the DWR if they are continuing to undertake floodplain management. The certification form is included with this letter or is available for download from [www.dwr.nd.gov](http://www.dwr.nd.gov).

Communities failing to update their ordinance by June 1, 2026, may be suspended from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Ordinance assistance is available by contacting Tyler Spomer at 701-328-2452 or by email at [nfip@nd.gov](mailto:nfip@nd.gov). SB 2027 assistance is available by contacting Nic Cullen, PE, CFM (Houston Engineering, Inc.) at 701-751-6280 or by email at [nfip@nd.gov](mailto:nfip@nd.gov).

Sincerely,



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NFIP State Coordinator

cc: Floodplain Administrator, Auditor, Emergency Manager as applicable