



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

August 12, 2016

THE HONORABLE EDWARD EMMETT
COUNTY JUDGE, HARRIS COUNTY
1001 PRESTON STREET
SUITE 911
HOUSTON, TX 77002


CASE NO.: 16-06-2864A
COMMUNITY: HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)
COMMUNITY NO.: 480287

DEAR MR. EMMETT:

This is in reference to a request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determine if the property described in the enclosed document is located within an identified Special Flood Hazard Area, the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood), on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. Using the information submitted and the effective NFIP map, our determination is shown on the attached Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F) Determination Document. This determination document provides additional information regarding the effective NFIP map, the legal description of the property and our determination.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding the subject property and LOMR-Fs. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are enclosed. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination/Comment document. If you have any questions about this letter or any of the enclosures, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605.

Sincerely,


Luis V. Rodriguez, P.E., Director
Engineering and Modeling Division
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

LIST OF ENCLOSURES:

LOMR-F DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

cc: State/Commonwealth NFIP Coordinator
Community Map Repository
Region
Mr. Steven Golz



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING LETTERS OF MAP REVISION BASED ON FILL

When making determinations on requests for Letters of Map Revision based on the placement of fill (LOMR-Fs), the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) bases its determination on the flood hazard information available at the time of the determination. Requesters should be aware that flood conditions may change or new information may be generated that would supersede FEMA's determination. In such cases, the community will be informed by letter.

Requesters also should be aware that removal of a property (parcel of land or structure) from the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) means FEMA has determined the property is not subject to inundation by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This does not mean the property is not subject to other flood hazards. The property could be inundated by a flood with a magnitude greater than the base flood or by localized flooding not shown on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map.

The effect of a LOMR-F is it removes the Federal requirement for the lender to require flood insurance coverage for the property described. The LOMR-F *is not* a waiver of the condition that the property owner maintain flood insurance coverage for the property. *Only* the lender can waive the flood insurance purchase requirement because the lender imposed the requirement. *The property owner must request and receive a written waiver from the lender before canceling the policy.* The lender may determine, on its own as a business decision, that it wishes to continue the flood insurance requirement to protect its financial risk on the loan.

The LOMR-F provides FEMA's comment on the mandatory flood insurance requirements of the NFIP as they apply to a particular property. A LOMR-F is not a building permit, nor should it be construed as such. Any development, new construction, or substantial improvement of a property impacted by a LOMR-F must comply with all applicable State and local criteria and other Federal criteria.

If a lender releases a property owner from the flood insurance requirement, and the property owner decides to cancel the policy and seek a refund, the NFIP will refund the premium paid for the current policy year, provided that no claim is pending or has been paid on the policy during the current policy year. The property owner must provide a written waiver of the insurance requirement from the lender to the property insurance agent or company servicing his or her policy. The agent or company will then process the refund request.

Even though structures are not located in an SFHA, as mentioned above, they could be flooded by a flooding event with a greater magnitude than the base flood. In fact, more than 25 percent of all claims paid by the NFIP are for policies for structures located outside the SFHA in Zones B, C, X (shaded), or X (unshaded). More than one-fourth of all policies purchased under the NFIP protect structures located in these zones. The risk to structures located outside SFHAs is just not as great as the risk to structures located in SFHAs. Finally, approximately 90 percent of all federally declared disasters are caused by flooding, and homeowners insurance does not provide financial protection from this flooding. Therefore, FEMA encourages the widest possible coverage under the NFIP.



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LETTER OF MAP REVISION BASED ON FILL DETERMINATION DOCUMENT (REMOVAL)

COMMUNITY AND MAP PANEL INFORMATION		LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
COMMUNITY	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS (Unincorporated Areas)	Lots 1 through 46, Block 1, and Lots 1 through 19, Block 2, Elyson Section 3, as shown on the Plat recorded as Film Code 677795 and 677796, in the Office of the County Clerk, Harris County, Texas Please note: All Elevations in this Determination Document are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (2001 Adjustment)
	COMMUNITY NO.: 480287	
AFFECTED MAP PANEL	NUMBER: 48201C0585L	
	DATE: 6/18/2007	
FLOODING SOURCE: SHEET FLOW		APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE OF PROPERTY: 29.868005, -95.781097 SOURCE OF LAT & LONG: LOMA LOGIC DATUM: NAD 83

DETERMINATION

LOT	BLOCK/ SECTION	SUBDIVISION	STREET	OUTCOME WHAT IS REMOVED FROM THE SFHA	FLOOD ZONE	1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD ELEVATION (NAVD 88)	LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE ELEVATION (NAVD 88)	LOWEST LOT ELEVATION (NAVD 88)
1-46	1/3	Elyson	-	Property	X (shaded)	-	-	151.9 feet


Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) - The SFHA is an area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood).

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS (Please refer to the appropriate section on Attachment 1 for the additional considerations listed below.)

DETERMINATION TABLE (CONTINUED) STUDY UNDERWAY
FILL RECOMMENDATION
GROUND SUBSIDENCE

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's determination regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision based on Fill for the property described above. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we have determined that the property(ies) is/are not located in the SFHA, an area inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). This document revises the effective NFIP map to remove the subject property from the SFHA located on the effective NFIP map; therefore, the Federal mandatory flood insurance requirement does not apply. However, the lender has the option to continue the flood insurance requirement to protect its financial risk on the loan. A Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) is available for buildings located outside the SFHA. Information about the PRP and how one can apply is enclosed.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605.


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ATTACHMENT 1 (ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS)


LEGAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

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DETERMINATION TABLE (CONTINUED)

LOT	BLOCK/ SECTION	SUBDIVISION	STREET	OUTCOME WHAT IS REMOVED FROM THE SFHA	FLOOD ZONE	1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD ELEVATION (NAVD 88)	LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE ELEVATION (NAVD 88)	LOWEST LOT ELEVATION (NAVD 88)
1-42	2/4	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	152.5 feet
1-18	1/5	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	153.3 feet
1-38	2/5	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	153.4 feet
1-35	3/5	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	153.3 feet
1-22	1/6	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	153.2 feet
1-62	2/6	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	153.0 feet
1-14	1/7	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	152.0 feet
1-24	2/7	Elyson	--	Property	X (shaded)	--	--	152.0 feet

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