



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance Committee

FROM: Marcia Elkins, <sup>we</sup>Director

DATE: February 27, 2008

RE: Extension of the Floodplain Moratorium

The Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee requests that the Resolution Establishing A Moratorium on Rezoning Property Within the 500 Year Floodplain and on the Issuance of Floodplain Development Permits for the area west of Chapel Lane Road adopted on June 4, 2007 and subsequently extended through December 2007 be extended to May 31, 2008.

The requested extension is to allow the Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee to complete their review of the current Rapid Creek Floodplain Policy and to bring forward recommendations to that Policy.

**Recommendation:** The Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee recommends that the Resolution Establishing A Moratorium on Rezoning Property Within the 500 Year Floodplain and on the Issuance of Floodplain Development Permits for the Area West of Chapel Lane Road be extended through May 31, 2008.



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON REZONING  
PROPERTY WITHIN THE 500 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN AND ON THE ISSUANCE  
OF FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR THE AREA WEST OF  
CHAPEL LAND ROAD.**

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City suffered a devastating flood in June of 1972;  
and

WHEREAS, more than two hundred people were killed as a result of the flood;  
and

WHEREAS, there were a number of people killed in the June 1972 flood in the  
area to the west of Chapel Lane Road located within the 500 year flood plain as  
designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted zoning ordinances to regulate  
development in areas designated as 500 year flood plain and also requires a flood plain  
development permit before any work may be done in the 500 year flood plain; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has from time to time been presented with  
requests to rezone property located within the 500 year flood plain to allow various uses,  
particularly for property located to the west of Chapel Lane Road; and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council deems it in the best interest of the  
City of Rapid City to review its adopted policy regarding rezoning of the 500 year flood  
plain to insure that it adequately protects the lives, health and safety of the citizens of  
Rapid City.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rapid City Common Council  
that there is hereby imposed a moratorium on changes to the zoning designation of  
property and on the issuance of flood plain development permits for property that is  
located west of Chapel Valley Road; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Rapid City Common Council that this  
moratorium shall last for ninety days from the effective date of this resolution unless  
sooner terminated by official action of the Common Council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Rapid City Common Council that there  
shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Council a committee to review  
the current policy and make recommendations to the Council; and


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Rapid City Common Council that this resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and therefore, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication.

Dated this 4 day of June, 2007.

ATTEST:

  
Finance Officer  
(SEAL)

THE CITY COUNCIL

  
Mayor