

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A  
RAPID CREEK FLOODPLAIN POLICY

WHEREAS the Army Corps of Engineers has, with the aid of the City of Rapid City Engineering Division, completed a re-evaluation of the Rapid Creek Floodplain through Rapid City; and

WHEREAS the re-evaluation established the limits of the 100 year hydraulic floodway and the new limits of the 100 year floodplain; and

WHEREAS a Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee was appointed by the Mayor on July 20, 1992, to review the City's policies on the management of the Rapid Creek Flood Hazard Area and formulate a recommendation for the Planning Commission and City Council to consider;

WHEREAS the Rapid City Planning Commission and Rapid City Council adopted this resolution on May 20, 1993 and June 7, 1993 respectively;

WHEREAS the Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee was reconvened by the Mayor on July 1, 1996 to review and clarify the previously adopted policy;

WHEREAS the reconvened Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee reviewed the previously adopted policy and recommended re-adoption of the policy with the minor clarifications and amendments;

WHEREAS the Rapid City Planning Commission and the Rapid City Council re-adopted this policy with revisions on February 20, 1997 and March 3, 1997 respectively;

WHEREAS the Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee was once again reconvened by the Mayor on July 24, 2000 to review and clarify the previously adopted policies;

WHEREAS the Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee has reviewed the previously adopted policy and finds that it is necessary to restrict the use of the 100 year hydraulic floodway to protect property and the lives of both residents and visitors to the community;

WHEREAS the Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee has identified appropriate city owned areas for festivals, carnivals and other temporary uses located outside the 100 year hydraulic floodway where special events may occur without significant risk to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS the Floodplain Boundary Policy Committee recommends re-adoption of the policy with minor clarifications and amendments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that the following policies be adopted to regulate the Rapid Creek Floodplain in Rapid City:

- The current requirements of the City of Rapid City Floodplain Development District and Floodway Zoning District not otherwise addressed under this policy shall remain the same;
- The Public Works Department shall install permanent pins and landscaping denoting the location of the 100 year hydraulic floodway boundary at the following locations: Canyon Lake Park, Sioux Park, Roosevelt Park, Memorial Park and at the New York

Street parking lot. This will assist park users and residents in identifying the boundary of the floodway.

- When applying the Flood Hazard Zoning District to private property, the limits of the district shall match the boundaries of the 100 year hydraulic floodway on private properties downstream from the Chapel Lane Road bridge and the boundaries of the 500 year floodplain on all private properties upstream of the Chapel Lane Road bridge.
- When applying the Flood Hazard Zoning District to public property, the limits of the zoning district shall match the boundaries of the 100 year hydraulic floodway on public properties downstream from the Chapel Lane Road bridge and the boundaries of the 500 year floodplain on all public properties upstream of the Chapel Lane Road bridge.
- All proposed uses within the Flood Hazard Zoning District which involve a structure shall be reviewed under the Use on Review provisions addressed in Section 17.54.030 of the City of Rapid City Zoning Ordinance. The technical criteria for reviewing proposed projects on the public property within the Flood Hazard Zoning District shall be the standards for the 100 year storm event. It is the intent of the City to preclude the location of structures within the 100 year Floodway to the greatest degree possible. Camping shall be prohibited in the 100 year floodplain and the 100 year floodway.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2000.

ATTEST:  
s/ James F. Preston  
Finance Officer  
(SEAL)

CITY OF RAPID CITY  
s/ Jim Shaw, Mayor

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Mayor

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Finance Officer

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