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To: Broward County Board of County Commissioners

Thru: Cynthia Chambers, Director
 Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department

From: Armando Linares, Director
 Permitting, Licensing and Consumer Protection Division

Re: Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 13½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, "Floodplain Management"

As part of its program which provides for the review and update of the Broward County codes and ordinances, the County Attorney's Office has worked with our Division to prepare an ordinance updating the floodplain provisions contained in Chapter 13½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances. The amendments generally provide for gender neutrality, establish consistency with the Florida Building Code and federal and state regulations regarding floodplain management, and update the Division names, consistent with recent changes to the Broward County Administrative Code. The significant amendments are summarized below:

- Section 13½-3, "Definitions," updates the definitions of "mean sea level," "National Geodetic Vertical Datum," and adds a definition for "North American Vertical Datum," consistent with federal emergency management regulations.
- Section 13½-5, "Administration," transfers responsibility for administration of the floodplain management program from the director of the County permitting division to the Chief Building Official for Broward County; and places responsibility on property owners for work commenced prior to receipt of an elevation certificate.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the updates, please let me know.