



## CITY OF NEW PORT RICHEY BOARDS/COMMITTEES Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee

The Committee shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) members of which at least one (1) member shall be from the city's floodplain management office and one (1) member shall be from the city's public information office. Members of the committee shall serve terms of two (2) years. The city council shall designate at least two (2) members to serve an initial term of one (1) year to provide for staggered terms.

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**DIVISION 6. - FLOOD RISK AND PREPAREDNESS PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

**Sec 2-100. - Created.**

The city council hereby creates the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee. The purpose of the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee is to offer advisory opinions and recommendations to the city council on best practices for information dissemination regarding flood risk and emergency preparedness. This committee will be in conformance with the Community Rating System Manual, including subsequent editions and amendments, from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for administration of the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System.

**Sec. 2-101. - Duties and responsibilities.**

The duties and functions of the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee shall be as follows;

- (a) To serve as the advisory committee to the city council for information dissemination to residents and business owners regarding flood risk, emergency preparedness, and flood resiliency;
- (b) To complete an initial review and recommend adoption of the city's Program for Public Information, as defined and in accordance with the Community Rating System Manual;
- (c) To conduct a minimum of two (2) public meetings to assess the city's public information needs and to review and recommend to the city council the Program for Public Information;
- (d) To conduct meetings from time to time, at least one (1) time per calendar year, to review, revise, and recommend modifications to the Program for Public Information as necessary;
- (e) To participate as a stakeholder in public information efforts through event attendance and outreach projects relating to flood risk; and
- (f) To serve, as-needed, as an advisory committee to the city council for other activities necessary to improve the city's status in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program, in accordance with the Community Rating System Manual.

**Sec. 2-102. - Membership.**

- (a) Members of the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee shall be comprised of both city staff and stakeholders. Stakeholders shall be those with a vested interest in the city.

- (b) The committee shall have at least one (1) member from the city's floodplain management office and one (1) member from the city's public information office.
- (c) The committee shall have a minimum of seven (7) members, and such additional members as appointed from time to time by the city council. At all times, the committee shall be comprised of no fewer than fifty percent stakeholder members. A quorum shall consist of a majority of members appointed from time to time by city council.
- (d) The city council shall seek to have stakeholder members include, but be not limited to, floodplain residents, insurance agents that service the city, developers and contractors that operate in the city, environmental organization members, realtors that service the city, emergency responders, and business organizations within the city.
- (e) Members of the committee shall serve terms of two (2) years. The city council shall designate at least two (2) members to serve an initial term of one (1) year to provide for staggered terms.
- (f) The city council shall select the committee members by a majority vote. The city council by a majority vote may remove any member with or without cause. A committee member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have resigned unless the absence is excused by a majority vote of the committee members present at a meeting of the committee.

**Sec. 2-103. - Officers.**

The voting members of the Flood Risk and Preparedness Public Information Committee shall elect one (1) of their members to serve as chairperson and one (1) of their members to serve as secretary. The secretary shall record minutes for each meeting of the committee. The secretary shall keep the original copy of the minutes and furnish a copy of the minutes to the city clerk. The chairperson shall submit an annual report to the city council of the committee's activities for the prior year.

**Sec. 2-104. - Voting authority.**

All members shall be entitled to be heard as to any business brought before the committee. Only members are entitled to vote on all matters before the committee. Members of the committee having a voting conflict of interest under Florida law shall abstain from voting as required.

**Sec. 2-105. - Meetings.**

All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public, pursuant to F.S. section 286.011. The time, date, place, and agenda of the meeting shall be posted by the city clerk in city hall one (1) week prior to the meetings unless an emergency exists. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The chairperson shall allow public comment at the committee's meetings in a manner deemed appropriate by the chair.

**Sec. 2-106. – Compensation.**

The members of the committee shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for travel expenditures in accordance with Florida law and the city's travel policy.