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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Ken Schneier
Mayor, Town of Longboat Key
501 Bay Isles Road
Longboat Key, Florida 34228

Dear Mayor Schneier:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the Town of Longboat Key, Florida, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on March 27, 2024; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(e).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated September 27, 2023, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Sarasota County. Therefore, the Town of Longboat Key should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the Town of Longboat Key will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the Florida Division of Emergency Management. You may contact Conn H. Cole, MBA/PA, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator and State Floodplain Manager, by telephone at (850) 815-4507, in writing at the State Floodplain Management Office, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, or by electronic mail at conn.cole@em.myflorida.com.

The FEMA Regional staff in Atlanta, Georgia, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the Town of Longboat Key and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (770) 220-5200, then pressing 1 for Mitigation, or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region 4, at 3005 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

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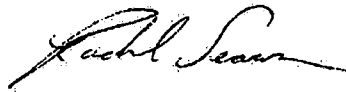
The NFIP State Coordinating Office for your State has verified that Florida communities may include language in their floodplain management measures that automatically adopt the most recently available flood elevation data provided by FEMA. Your community's floodplain management measures may already be sufficient if the measures include suitable automatic adoption language and are otherwise in accordance with the minimum requirements of the NFIP. The NFIP State Coordinator can assist you further in clarifying questions you may have about automatic adoption.

You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until March 27, 2024, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by March 27, 2024. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Additional information on community suspensions as proposed, other notices of current NFIP community status information, and details regarding updated publication requirements of community eligibility status information under the NFIP can be found on the Community Status Book section of our website at www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book. Notices for scheduled suspension will be available on the National Flood Insurance Community Status and Public Notification section of our website at www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book/public-notification. Individuals without internet access will be able to contact their local floodplain management official and/or NFIP State Coordinating Office directly for assistance.

Sincerely,



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cc: Robert Samaan, Acting Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 4
Conn H. Cole, MBA/PA, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator and State Floodplain Manager,
Florida Division of Emergency Management
Patty Fige, Building Official, Town of Longboat Key