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REVISED FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE PROPOSED *Homeowners to Remain Eligible for National Flood Insurance Program*

August 14, 2015—The City of Beloit Planning & Building Services Division has proposed a revised floodplain zoning ordinance as part Chapter 19 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit. The technical basis for the proposed floodplain ordinance is maps and studies prepared by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). FEMA and WDNR recently updated the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Rock County. The revised FIS and FIRMs must be adopted into the City’s Zoning Ordinance by September 16, 2015 in order for property owners to remain eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The proposed floodplain ordinance includes updated references to the FIS and FIRMs, and will repeal the existing floodplain ordinance and replace it with WDNR’s current model floodplain ordinance.

The Plan Commission will review the proposed floodplain ordinance at a public hearing **Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7 p.m.** in the City Hall Forum. The Beloit City Council will review the proposed floodplain ordinance at a public hearing **Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7 p.m.** in the City Hall Forum. Copies of the proposed floodplain ordinance and floodplain maps are available on the City’s website at www.beloitwi.gov in the Document Center under Planning & Building Services. Hard copies are also available upon request in the Planning Office on the 3rd floor of City Hall.

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