

# COCHISE COUNTY

## Floodplain Regulations Ordinance 2015 Changes

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## Brief Description

- The Floodplain Regulations Ordinance was updated in January 2013.
- We are in the process of updating our FEMA floodplain maps (Effective Date February 3, 2016) and the Arizona Department of Water Resources and County Attorney's Office have reviewed our regulations as part of that update.
- This current draft reflects needed changes/clarifications and would put us in good standing with FEMA – National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR/State liaison for FEMA).



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## Changes made

- Grammatical/Formatting changes
- Key sections/definitions missing from ADWR Model Ordinance & consistency with A.R.S requirements
  - Unlawful Acts (Section 3.9)
  - Violation Section revised (Section 3.11) to follow A.R.S.
  - Substantial Improvement & Substantial Damage Assessments (Section 4.2B)
  - Adverse Impacts (Section 5.1D)
- Combined Standards for:
  - General Land Disturbance, Commercial, & Industrial Developments. (Section 5.6)
- Added Appendix A for Drainage Report Requirements



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**Impact of Not Approving:** Should the Floodplain Regulations Ordinance not be approved

- County could be suspended from the NFIP and
- Denial of floodplain map revisions updates (Hereford, Benson, & Richland Ranchettes Areas) and
- Loss of our Community Rating System (CRS) rating (which provides all citizens of Cochise County a 5% discount on flood insurance with the opportunity to receive greater discounts)

