



Flood Control District

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Updates Made Official for Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County

PHOENIX (Dec.15, 2011) – The Flood Control District of Maricopa County announces that [updated Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County](http://www.fcd.maricopa.gov) are available for viewing in the Floodplain Management and Permitting sections of the Flood Control District Web site, www.fcd.maricopa.gov. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors approved the revised regulations at the board's Nov. 30, 2011 formal meeting.

In addition to the Regulations, an updated administrative [Fee Schedule](#) and a new [Licensing Time Frames](#) document are posted in the Floodplain Management and Permitting sections of the District's Web site.

Initial draft revisions to the Regulations were presented for public review and comment during the first quarter of 2011. On April 27, 2011, the Flood Control Advisory Board approved and recommended that the Board of Supervisors (the District's board of directors) approve the revised Regulations. A series of additional draft revisions were subject to public review through 2011 until the final document was adopted on Nov. 30.

The purpose of the revisions to the Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County is to meet new federal and Arizona Department of Water Resources requirements; implement minor corrections to content and text; incorporate new administrative procedures; maintain conformity with other Flood Control District regulations and guidelines; evaluate and reassess the Fee Schedule adding flexibility to the categories; and consider changes that would assist the Flood Control District in obtaining additional CRS credits, ultimately placing the District in a higher class rating that allows County residents to receive a discount on their flood insurance.

The District manages the content of the Regulations. The adoption of the Regulations is mandated by Arizona Revised Statute §48-3609, Chapter 21, Section B.

The Floodplain Regulations for Maricopa County have been in force since 1974. The District periodically reviews and updates the Regulations in order to ensure continued compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which were enacted as part of [Title 48](#) of the Arizona Revised Statutes. The last full revision of the regulations was completed in December 2006.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County is tasked to provide regional flood hazard identification, regulation, remediation, and education to Maricopa County residents so that they can reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.

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