

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance of the Council of the City of Palo Alto Amending  
Chapter 16.52, Flood Hazard Regulations to Correct an  
Administrative Error

**SECTION 1.** Section 16.52.130 (Standards of Construction) of Chapter 16.52 (Flood Hazard Regulations) of Title 16 (Building) of the Palo Alto Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (additions underlined, deletions ~~struck through~~, and omissions of unchanged language noted by [. . .]):

**16.52.130 Standards of construction.**

In all areas of special flood hazards the following standards are required:

[. . .]

(b) Construction Materials and Methods.

(1) All new construction and substantially improved structures shall be constructed with flood-resistant materials as specified in applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency ~~Technical Bulletins~~ Technical Bulletins, including but not limited to TB 2-93, and utility equipment resistant to flood damage.

[. . .]

(c) Elevation and Floodproofing.

(1) In residential new construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure, the lowest floor, including basement:

(A) In an AO zone, shall be elevated ~~to height equal to or exceeding~~ to a height above the highest adjacent grade of not less than the depth number specified in feet on the Flood Insurance Rate Map plus 1 foot, or not less than 3 feet above the highest adjacent grade if no depth number is specified;

[. . .]

**SECTION 2.** The Council finds that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to Section 15061 of the CEQA Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the amendments herein adopted will have a significant effect on the environment.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first day after the date of its adoption.

INTRODUCED:

PASSED:

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NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Assistant City Attorney

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City Manager

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Director of Planning and  
Development Services

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Director of Public Works

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Director of Administrative Service