

BY THE COUNCIL: BEAUMONT, HIGGINS, PAGE, SOUZA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING OR REPEALING GARDEN CITY CODE TITLE 8 (“DEVELOPMENT CODE”), CHAPTER 1 (“GENERAL REGULATIONS”), ARTICLE B (“EXISTING NONCONFORMING PROPERTIES, STRUCTURES, AND USES”), SECTION 2 (“NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES”), SUBSECTION C, AND CHAPTER 3 (“OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS”), ARTICLE A (“GENERAL PROVISIONS”), SECTIONS 1 (“ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED”) , AND 3 (“ALLOWED USES”), AND ARTICLE B (“FLOOD HAZARD”), AND CHAPTER 4 (“DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS”), ARTICLE J (“MANUFACTURED AND MOBILE HOME PROVISIONS”), SECTION 5 (“ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES IN MOBILE HOME PARKS”), SUBSECTION O (“HOMES WITHIN THE ONE HUNDRED YEAR FLOODPLAIN”), AND CHAPTER 5 (“LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS”), ARTICLES A (“GENERAL PROVISIONS AND STANDARDS”), SECTION 4 (“GENERAL STANDARDS”), SUBSECTION A (“TABLE 8-5A-1 STANDARDS AND CODE SECTION PROVISIONS”) AND C (“SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS”), SECTION 4 (“SUBDIVISIONS LOCATED WITHIN A FLOODPLAIN”), SUBSECTION B (“STANDARDS”), CHAPTER 6 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE A (“GENERAL PROVISIONS”), SECTION 14 (“PENALTIES”), SUBSECTION D (“MISDEMEANORS”); CHAPTER 7 (“REFERENCES”), ARTICLE A (“DEFINITIONS”), SECTION 2 (“DEFINITIONS OF TERMS”); AND REPEALING 2002 ORDINANCE 795 AND PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE 898-08; AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO TITLE 8 (DEVELOPMENT CODE), CHAPTER 4 (DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) THAT IS ARTICLE H (FLOOD HAZARD), WHICH IS AN UPDATED FLOOD HAZARD ARTICLE THAT ADOPTS REVISED FLOODPLAIN MAPS, MODIFIES DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE FLOODPLAIN, AND ADDS OR UPDATES PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CODE ARE STILL IN EFFECT NOTWITHSTANDING SOME PROVISIONS THEREOF BEING ELIMINATED; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; APPROVING A SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, provisions of Title 50, Chapter 9, of the Idaho Code authorize publication of compiled ordinances of a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Garden City, a municipal corporation within the State of Idaho, adopted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Requirements and the Flood Insurance Rate Map on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2002 by Ordinance 795; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden City Code Title 8 (“Development Code”), Chapter 3 (“Overlay Zoning District Regulations”), Article A (“General Provisions”), Sections 1 (“Zoning Districts

Established”) and 3 (“Allowed Uses”) was added on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008 by Ordinance No. 898-08, which created the Flood Hazard (FH) Overlay Zoning District; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden City Code Title 8 (“Development Code”), Chapter 3 (“Overlay Zoning District Regulations”), Article B (“Flood Hazard”), was added on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008 by Ordinance No. 898-08, which moved the FEMA Floodplain Requirements and the Flood Insurance Rate Map to the FH Overlay Zoning District; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden City Code Title 8 (“Development Code”), Chapter 4 (“Design and Development Regulations”), Article J (“Manufactured and Mobile Home Provisions”), Section 5 (“Additional Standards for Manufactured Homes in Mobile Home Parks”), Subsection O (“Homes within the One Hundred Year Floodplain”) was added on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008 by Ordinance No. 898-08; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden City Code Title 8 (“Development Code”), Chapter 5 (“Land Division Regulations”), Articles A (“General Provisions and Standards”), Section 4 (“General Standards”) Subsection A (“Table 8-5A-1 Standards and Code Section Provisions”) and C (“Special Development Provisions”), Section 4 (“Subdivisions located within a Floodplain”), Subsection B (“Standards”) was added on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008 by Ordinance No. 898-08; and

**WHEREAS**, Garden City Code Title 8 (“Development Code”), Chapter 6 (“Administration”), Article A (“General Provisions”), Section 14 (“Penalties”), Subsection D (“Misdemeanors”) was added on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015 by Ordinance No. 975-15 (Penalties were formerly located in Chapter 1 (“General Regulations”), Article D (“Penalties”)); and

**WHEREAS** the City of Garden City wishes to maintain eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program and in order to do so must meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program; and

**WHEREAS** local government units have the primary responsibility for planning, adopting, and enforcing land use regulations to accomplish proper floodplain management; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Garden City intends to repeal the Flood Hazard, FH Overlay Zoning District; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to determine which developments would increase the flood hazard, the following measures shall be required within the jurisdictional limits of this community.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, ADA COUNTY, IDAHO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into this ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** That Ordinance No. 795, which was adopted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2002, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3.** That the portion of Ordinance No. 898-08 that created the FH Overlay Zoning District, Title 8, Chapter 3 Article A, Sections 1 (“Zoning Districts Established”) and 3 (“Allowed Uses”), Garden City Code, which was added on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** That the portion of Ordinance No. 898-08 that moved the FEMA Floodplain Requirements and the Flood Insurance Rate Map to the FH Overlay Zoning District, Title 8, Chapter 3, Article B (“Flood Hazard”), Garden City Code, which was adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008, is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** That the portion of Ordinance No. 898-08 that regulates manufactured homes in mobile home parks within the one hundred (100) year floodplain, Title 8, Chapter 4, Article J, Section 5, Subsection O (“Homes within the One Hundred Year Floodplain”), Garden City Code, which was adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008, is hereby amended as reflected below.

**SECTION 6.** That the portion of Ordinance No. 898-08 that lists the Floodplain Development Standard, Title 8, Chapter 5, Articles A (“General Provisions and Standards”), Section 4 (“General Standards”) Subsection A (“Table 8-5A-1 Standards and Code Section Provisions”), and C (“Special Development Provisions”), Section 4 (“Subdivisions located within a Floodplain”), Subsection B (“Standards”), Garden City Code, which was adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2008, is hereby amended as reflected below.

**SECTION 7.** That portion of Ordinance No. 975-15 that lists the penalties for Development Code violations, Title 8, Chapter 6, Article A, Section 14, Subsection D (“Misdemeanors”), Garden City Code, which was adopted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, is hereby amended as reflected below.

**SECTION 8.** That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9.** That the fact that some provisions of the official municipal code for the City of Garden City have been deliberately eliminated by the governing body shall not serve to cause any interruption in the continuous effectiveness of ordinances included in said official Code. All other ordinances shall continue in full force and effect unless specifically repealed or amended.

**SECTION 10.** That Title 8, Chapter 1, Article B, Section 2 (“Nonconforming Structures”), Subsection C, Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. If a nonconforming structure is destroyed or receives substantial damage as defined by this Title ~~by more than fifty percent (50%) of its current assessed taxable value by fire, flood, explosion, wind, earthquake, war, riot, calamity, or other catastrophic event,~~ the

structure shall comply with this Title upon restoration or reconstruction. If the damage to the nonconforming structure is fifty percent (50%) or less of the current assessed taxable value is less than substantial damage as defined by this Title, the structure may be restored or reconstructed to the nonconforming condition; provided, that restoration or reconstruction commences within twelve (12) months of the event.

**SECTION 11.** That Title 8, Chapter 3 Article A, Section 1 (“Zoning Districts Established”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

8-3A-1        **ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED:**

The purpose of the overlay districts is to provide an incentive to implement the comprehensive plan and preserve the rights of property owners. The city hereby establishes the following overlay zoning districts:

- Flood hazard (FH)
- Surel Mitchell work-live-create (WLC)
- Neighborhood commercial node (NCN)
- Transit oriented development (TOD)
- Green Boulevard corridor (GBC)

**SECTION 12.** That Title 8, Chapter 3 Article A, Section 3 (“Allowed Uses”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

8-3A-3        **ALLOWED USES:**

- A. Table 8-3A-1 of this section lists allowed uses in the overlay zones.
- B. If a proposed use of property is not specifically listed in table 8-3A-1 of this section, the use shall be prohibited, except if the planning official determines that the proposed use is equivalent to a permitted or conditional use. The planning official’s determination shall be based on the criteria set forth in section 8-2B-2 of this Title.
- C. For uses that may fall into more than one category, the planning official shall determine the most appropriate category based on the more restrictive standards.
- ~~D. In the flood hazard overlay district, all uses are allowed that are allowed in the base zoning district.~~

**SECTION 13.** That Title 8, Chapter 3 Article B (“Flood Hazard”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 14.** That Title 8, Chapter 4, Article J, Section 5, Subsection O (“Homes within the One Hundred Year Floodplain”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- O. Homes Within The One Hundred (100) Year Floodplain: Any homes located within the one hundred (100) year floodplain shall be affixed to a permanent foundation that meets the floodplain requirements as set forth in ~~chapter 3, article B~~ chapter 4, Article H, "Flood Hazard", of this ~~chapter~~ Title.

**SECTION 15.** That the Table in Title 8, Chapter 5, Article A, Section 4, Subsection A ("Table 8-5A-1 Standards and Code Section Provisions"), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. All subdivisions, and all improvements and facilities constructed as part of a subdivision, shall comply with the provisions set forth in this chapter; and with the minimum development standards set forth in other provisions of this code as follows:

**TABLE 8-5A-1  
STANDARDS AND CODE SECTION PROVISIONS**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Code Section</b>
Design review	Title 8, chapter 4, articles B and C
Driveways	Title 8, chapter 4, article E
Erosion control	Title 4, chapter 15
Floodplain	Title 8, chapter <del>3</del> <u>4</u> , article <del>B</del> <u>H</u>
Landscaping	Title 8, chapter 4, article I
Open space	Title 8, chapter 4, article L
Parking	Title 8, chapter 4, article D
Planned unit development	Title 8, chapter 6, article B
Private streets	Title 8, chapter 4, article E
Public water and sewer systems	Title 6
Sidewalks	Title 8, chapter 4, article E
Storm drainage and discharge control	Title 4, chapter 14
Street design and development standards	Title 8, chapter 4, article E
Sustainable development provisions	Title 8, chapter 4, article G
Utilities	Title 8, chapter 4, article A

**SECTION 16.** That Title 8, Chapter 5, Article C, Section 4, Subsection B (“Standards”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. Standards:

1. Subdivisions in the regulatory floodplain or floodway shall follow the standards set forth in Flood Hazard 8-4H.

~~1. Residential structures within the floodplain shall have the bottom of the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the level of one foot (1') above the 100-year flood.~~

~~2. For new construction or substantial improvements of nonresidential structures, the lowest floor (including basement) shall be elevated to or one foot (1') above the level of the 100-year flood, and together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, which shall be floodproofed up to the level of the 100-year flood.~~

2. No subdivision or part thereof shall be approved if levees, fills, structures or other features within the proposed subdivision will individually or collectively significantly increase flood flows, heights or damages. If only part of a proposed subdivision can be safely developed, the council shall limit development to that part and shall require that development proceed consistent with that determination. Documentation shall be submitted to the city by a registered engineer that there will be no adverse impact off site by the placement of fill, levees, structures or other features within the subdivision.

3. Lots shall be configured to allow for a seventy-foot (70') building setback from the ordinary high water mark.

~~5. Subdivisions located within the floodplain shall indicate the location of the floodplain, floodway and ordinary high water line on the plat if within seventy feet (70').~~

**SECTION 17.** That Title 8, Chapter 6, Article A, Section 14, Subsection D (“Misdemeanors”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

D. Misdemeanors: It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of section 8-1A-4; chapter 1, article B; sections 8-2B-2; 8-2B-3; 8-1C-3; 8-2C-7A; 8-2C-31D; 8-3A-3; ~~chapter 3, article B~~ 8-4H-4 B.16 and D.5; chapter 4, article A; sections 8-4J-6; 8-4L-4D.1; 8-5L-5C.1 and 8-6A-3B.1 of this Title unless otherwise specifically provided. Additionally, a second and any subsequent conviction for the same infraction provision under this Title within one (1) year shall be a misdemeanor under this Title. Misdemeanors under this Title are punishable as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code unless otherwise specifically provided.

**SECTION 18.** That Title 8, Chapter 7, Article A, Section 2 (“Definitions of Terms”), Garden City Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- ACCESS LANE:** A travel surface that provides internal circulation within a site and may have the potential to provide access to adjacent properties. The access lane may be private or a public right-of-way in which it would also be called an "alley" or "minor local street."
- ACCESSORY STRUCTURE:** A detached structure that is incidental and subordinate to the principal structure and is located upon the same property. The term "accessory structure" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: private garage, storage structure, workshop, and/or greenhouse. The term shall not include additional structures for approved public, commercial, or industrial uses or insurable structures.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Housing that is affordable to persons with incomes that are eighty percent (80%) or less than the median income for the Treasure Valley area and that the housing is administered by an agency who qualifies persons for such housing.
- ALTERATIONS, STRUCTURAL:** Any change, other than incidental repairs, which would prolong the life of the supporting members of a building or structure, such as bearing walls, columns, beams and girders.
- ANIMAL, FARM:** Animals other than household pets, including, but not limited to, cattle, horses, llamas, emus, ostriches, donkeys, mules, sheep, goats, chickens, pigs, and poultry.
- ANNEXATION:** The process by which the city’s corporate boundary is expanded to incorporate additional property pursuant to Idaho Code section 50-222.
- APIARY:** A place where bee colonies are kept.
- APPEAL:** Request for review of an interpretation of provisions of this Title.
- APPLICANT:** An individual, firm, corporation, partnership, association, syndicate, trust or other legal entity that executes an application. The applicant need not be the owner of the property; however, he shall be an agent of the owner or have sufficient proprietary rights in the property to represent the owner.

AREA OF SHALLOW FLOODING: A designated AO, AH, AR/AO, or AR/AH zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a 1 percent (1%) or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one (1) to three (3) feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable, and where velocity flow may be evidence. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD: See Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

BASE FLOOD: The flood having a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

BASE FLOOD ELEVATION (BFE): A determination by the Federal Insurance Administrator of the water surface elevations of the base flood, that is, the flood level that has a one percent (1%) or greater chance of occurrence in any given year. When the BFE has not been provided in a Special Flood Hazard Area, it may be obtained from engineering studies available from a Federal, State or other source using FEMA-approved engineering methodologies. This elevation, when combined with Freeboard, establishes the Flood Protection Elevation.

BASE ZONING DISTRICT: The underlying zoning district.

BASEMENT: The story or level of a building which is partially or totally below ground level.

BEE: Any stage of the life cycle of the common domestic honeybee.

BIKE ROUTE/BIKE LANE: Any roadway specifically signed for bicycle use as a shared facility with motor vehicles.

BLOCK: An area of land bounded by streets, right-of-way, waterway or other similar barrier.

BUILDING: Any structure with walls on all sides designed or intended for the support, enclosure, shelter or

protection of persons, animals, or property of any kind.

**BUILDING HEIGHT:** The vertical distance measured from the average elevation of the proposed finished grade at the front of the building to the highest point thereof for flat roofs, to the deck line of mansard roofs, and the top of building walls for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.

**BUILDING, PRINCIPAL:** A building in which is conducted the main or principal use of the lot on which said building is situated.

**BUILDING ZONE:** The area within the public right-of-way adjacent to the private property line.

**CHANGE OF USE:** An enlargement of the use through the addition of more square footage devoted to the use; or if a use changes from one category to another as listed in Table 8-2B-1, Allowed Uses In All Base Zoning Districts.

**CHANNEL:** A natural or artificial watercourse of perceptible extent, with definite bed and banks to confine and conduct continuously or periodically flowing water.

**CHORD MEASUREMENT:** A straight line measurement from the beginning point of a curvature to the end point of a curvature.

**CITY:** The city of Garden City.

**CLEANING, LAUNDRY AGENCY:** An establishment that is primarily involved in the dry cleaning or standard cleaning of items for patrons.

**CLEAR VISION TRIANGLE:** A triangular area on a corner lot within which there are certain height limitations in order to provide sight distance for vehicles.

**CO-HOUSING:** Attached or detached housing units clustered on a site, leaving more shared open space. The dwellings typically face each other across a pedestrian street or courtyard, with cars parked on the periphery. Often, the front doorway of every home affords a view of the common house that serves the entire development. The common house may include a lounge, kitchen and dining room, recreational facilities, workshops or laundry room.

**COLONY:** Bees in any hive including queens, workers and drones.

**COMMISSION:** The planning and zoning commission of Garden City.

**COMMON AREA:** Land, complementary structures and/or improvements designed and intended for the common use or enjoyment of the residents of the development. The area can include, but is not limited to turf areas, playgrounds, patios, courtyards, barbecue and picnic areas, water areas, and community gardens.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The adopted plan for Garden City pursuant to the Local Land Use Planning Act, Idaho Code section 67-6501.

**CONDITIONAL USE:** A use that because of peculiar characteristics, size, operations, location with reference to surroundings, streets and existing improvements, or demands upon public facilities is allowed in a district subject to approval by the planning and zoning commission and subject to special requirements in accordance with section 8-6B-2 of this Title and as enabled by Idaho Code section 67-6512.

**CONDOMINIUM:** An estate consisting of an undivided interest in common in real property, in an interest or interests in real property, or in any combination thereof; together with a separate interest in real property, in an interest or interests in real property or in any combination thereof, as defined under Idaho Code sections 55-101B and 55-1503.

**COTTAGE HOUSING:** Small size detached housing units between five hundred (500) square feet and one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet.

**COUNCIL:** The city council of Garden City, Idaho.

**COVENANT:** A written promise or pledge.

**CULVERT:** A pipe or conduit that conveys water underground under a bridge, street, road or driveway, or land surface.

**DECISION MAKER:** The body or individual given authority by this code for decisions on planning applications and matters. The term "decision maker" may include, but is not limited to, the council, commission, design committee or planning official.

**DEDICATION:** The setting apart of land or interests in land for use by the public or others, by ordinance, resolution or entry in the official minutes or as by the recording of a plat. Dedicated land becomes public land upon the

	acceptance by the city, Ada County highway district, county or state.
DENSITY:	A unit of measurement, the number of dwelling units per acre of land.
<u>DEVELOPMENT:</u>	<u>Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials.</u>
DEVELOPMENT, LARGE SCALE:	A subdivision or land development the size of which consists of two hundred (200) or more lots or dwelling units or more than forty (40) acres of land.
DEVELOPMENT SITE:	The area of development that may include one (1) or more or parts of a legal lot of record.
DRIVEWAY, COMMON:	A shared access that serves two (2) or more lots.
DUSTLESS MATERIALS:	Hard surfaces used for driveways, loading and parking including, but not limited to, concrete, asphalt, grasscrete, pavers, bricks, and macadam.
EASEMENT:	A grant by a property owner to specific persons, or to the public, to use land for specific purposes, and also may be a right acquired by prescription.
ELEVATED BUILDING:	For insurance purposes, a nonbasement building which has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, posts, piers, pilings, or columns.
<u>ELEVATION CERTIFICATE:</u>	<u>The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the NFIP. It is used to determine the proper flood insurance premium rate; it is used to document elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management regulations; and it may be used to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F)</u>
ENGINEER:	Any person who is licensed in the state to practice professional engineering.
FAMILY:	A. A person living alone or two (2) or more persons related by blood or marriage.

B. A group of not more than ten (10) persons who need not be related by blood or marriage living together in a dwelling unit.

C. Eight (8) or fewer unrelated mentally and/or physically handicapped or elderly persons residing in a dwelling under staff supervision; provided, that no more than two (2) staff members reside in the dwelling at any one (1) time.

FENCE, PRIVACY:

A fence that is constructed of solid or opaque materials through which no views can be seen.

FERTILIZER:

Any substance containing one (1) or more recognized plant nutrient which is used for its plant nutrient content and which is designed for use or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth and includes lime and gypsum. It does not include unmanipulated animal manure and vegetable organic waste derived material, or biosolids under 40 CFR 503.

FIRE AUTHORITY:

The city department or special district contracted to provide fire safety services to the city.

FLOOD OR FLOODING:

The temporary inundation of land adjacent to and inundated by overflow from a river, stream, lake or other body of water.

A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:

The overflow of inland or tidal waters.

The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

Mudslides (i.e., mudflows) which are proximately caused by flooding as defined in paragraph a.2. Of this definition and are akin to a river of liquid and flowing mud on the surfaces of normally dry land areas, as when earth is carried by a current of water and deposited along the path of the current.

The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical

levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable even which results in flooding as defined in paragraph a.1. of this definition.

FLOOD OF ONE HUNDRED (100) YEAR FREQUENCY OR 100 YEAR FLOODPLAIN: ~~Flood magnitude which has a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. See “regulatory floodplain”.~~

FLOODLIGHT: A light fixture that produces up to one thousand eight hundred (1,800) lumens and is designed to flood a well-defined Farea with light.

FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR: The planning official or individuals authorized by the planning official or mayor of Garden City to administer and enforce the floodplain management regulations

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT: Any type of permit that is required in conformance with the provisions of this 8-4H, prior to the commencement of any development activity.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT: The operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measure for reducing flood damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, and floodplain management regulations.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS: Zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as a floodplain ordinance, grading ordinance, and erosion control ordinance), and other applications of police power. The term describes such state or local regulations, in any combination thereof, which provide standards for the purpose of flood damage prevention and reduction.

FLOODPLAIN OR FLOOD-PRONE AREA: ~~The relatively flat area or lowland adjoining the channel of a river, stream, lake or other body of water which has been or may be covered by water of a flood of one hundred (100) year frequency. The floodplain includes the channel, floodway and~~

~~floodway fringe, as established per the engineering practices as specified by the Army Corps of Engineers.~~

Any land area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source (see definition of “flooding”).

FLOODWAY:

~~The channel of a watercourse and those portions of the floodplain adjoining the channel which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the floodwater of any watercourse. The channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation.~~

FLOODWAY FRINGE:

~~That part of the floodplain which is beyond the floodway. Such areas will include those portions of the floodplain which will be inundated by a flood of one hundred (100)-year frequency.~~

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM):

An official map of a community, on which the Federal Insurance Administrator has delineated both the special hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. A FIRM that has been made available digitally is called a Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM).

FLOOR AREA, INTERIOR:

The sum of the horizontal areas of several floors of a building measured from the interior walls.

FLOOR AREA RATIO:

The sum of the horizontal areas of the several floors inside the exterior walls of a building or portion thereof divided by the lot area.

GARAGE, PRIVATE:

An enclosed accessory building or an accessory portion of a principal building designed for shelter or storage of vehicles, owned or operated by the occupants of the principal building.

GRADE:

The elevation of the finished surface of the ground adjacent to the exterior wall of a building or structure. If a berm has been created adjacent to the structure, or if the structure is built on top of a berm, grade will be considered the lowest point of the berm.

GREENBELT, BOISE RIVER:

Land within seventy feet (70') of the six thousand five hundred (6,500) cfs flow line of the Boise River which may be owned by the city or over which the

city may have a right of possession or use and: (A) which is designated by the city council to be retained in perpetuity for public use for purposes compatible with aesthetic, wildlife, education and recreational values of the Boise River; (B) which will provide for unrestricted, noncommercial access to the river; and (C) which will be developed and used to minimize water pollution, provide continuity of the public parks system, and create a buffer where necessary between conflicting land uses.

GROSS FLOOR AREA (Applying To Floor Area Ratio):

The sum of the gross horizontal area of the several floors inside the exterior walls of a building or portion thereof.

HEALTH AUTHORITY:

The Central District health department, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and any agency as may succeed to any of their powers. The term "health authority" shall be liberally construed to include all of the adopted, approved or certified plans, rules, regulations, statutes or laws of the health authority.

HIGHWAY:

A street designated as a highway by the Idaho State Department of Transportation.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE:

A structure that is:  
Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the U.S. Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or to a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;

Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places and determined as eligible by states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or

Individually listed on local inventory of historic places and determined as eligible by communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:  
By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, or  
Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

- HIVE: A structure intended for the housing of a bee colony.
- IMPROVEMENT: Any alteration to the land or other physical constructions associated with subdivision and building site developments.
- INTERESTED PARTY: A person or entity who has specifically requested that the city inform them of a specific application, appeal or city project, or any person who provides written or oral testimony for a public hearing related to a specific application, appeal or city project not otherwise notified as provided by code.
- LEEVE: A man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed according to sound engineering practices to contain, control, or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding.
- LEEVE SYSTEM: A flood protection system that consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accordance with sound engineering practices.
- LIVESTOCK: Any horse, llama, bovine animal, sheep, goat, hog or domestic fowl.
- LIVING SPACE: A single dwelling unit on one (1) or more floors, which contains an adequate sleeping area and access to cooking and sanitary facilities, in combination with, or on the same property with, a working space.
- LOADING SPACE, OFF STREET: An open off street hard surfaced area of land other than a street or public way, the principal use of which is for the standing, loading and unloading of

motor vehicles, tractors, trailers and miscellaneous freight, to avoid undue interference with public streets and alleys.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

Any county or city having planning and zoning authority to regulate land use within its jurisdiction.

LOT:

A part of a recorded subdivision intended as a unit for transfer of ownership.

LOT AREA:

The square footage enclosed within the boundary of a lot. Lot area is computed exclusively of any portion of the right-of-way of any public or private street.

LOT COVERAGE:

The ratio of enclosed ground floor area of all buildings on a lot to the horizontally projected area of the lot, expressed as a percentage.

LOT OF RECORD:

A lot which is part of a subdivision recorded in the office of the Ada County recorder.

LOT TYPES:

Corner Lot: A lot located at the intersection of two (2) or more streets.

Flag Lot: A lot which includes a narrow projection or "flagpole" to the dedicated public right-of-way.

Interior Lot: A lot with only one (1) frontage on a street.

Through Lot: A lot other than a corner lot with frontage on more than one (1) street. Through lots abutting two (2) streets may be referred to as double frontage lots.

MANUFACTURED HOME:

A structure, constructed after June 15, 1976, in accordance with the HUD manufactured home construction and safety standards, and is transportable in one (1) or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width or is forty (40) body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is three hundred twenty (320) or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein, except that such term shall include any structure which meets all the requirements of this definition except the size requirements and with respect to which the

	<p>manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under 42 USC section 5401 et seq. (Idaho Code section 39-4105.)</p>
<p>MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME PAD:</p>	<p>An improved area of ground equal to the perimeter and/or square footage of the manufactured/mobile home and on which the manufactured/mobile home shall be located.</p>
<p>MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME PARK:</p>	<p>Any parcel of ground upon which three (3) or more manufactured homes or mobile homes or other dwelling units occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, are located regardless of whether or not a charge is made for such accommodation; but shall not include a plot of ground used for mobile home dealers exclusively for the display, storage or sale of manufactured/mobile homes.</p>
<p>MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME SPACE:</p>	<p>A parcel of ground within a mobile home park designated and intended for the accommodation of one (1) manufactured/mobile home including setbacks.</p>
<p>MANUFACTURED/MODULAR BUILDINGS:</p>	<p>A prefabricated structure constructed according to HUD/FHA mobile construction and safety standards transportable in one (1) or more sections that is assembled in modular sections.</p>
<p><u>MARKET VALUE:</u></p>	<p><u>The building value, not including the land value and that of any accessory structures or other improvements on the lot. Market value may be established by independent certified appraisal; replacement cost depreciated for age of building and quality of construction (Actual Cash Value); or tax assessed values.</u></p>
<p>MINOR LAND DIVISION:</p>	<p>A record of survey for the division of a lot, tract or parcel of land into up to four (4) parcels for the purpose of sale, or building development, containing the elements and requirements set forth in section 8-5C-6 of this Title.</p>
<p>MOBILE HOME:</p>	<p>A factory assembled structure or structures generally constructed prior to June 15, 1976, and equipped with the necessary service connections and made so as to be readily movable as a unit or units on their own running gear and designed to be</p>

used as a dwelling unit or units with or without a permanent foundation. (Idaho Code section 39-4105.)

**MONUMENT:**

Any permanent marker either of concrete, galvanized iron pipe, or iron or steel rods, used to identify any tract, parcel, lot or street lines, as specified in Idaho Code section 50-1303.

**MOTOR VEHICLE,  
JUNKED/ABANDONED:**

Any automobile, truck or other motor vehicle which is inoperable and to which no significant repair or maintenance is attempted for any period exceeding thirty (30) days.

**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE  
PROGRAM (NFIP):**

The NFIP is a Federal program created by Congress to mitigate future flood losses nationwide through sound; community enforced building and zoning ordinances and to provide access to affordable, federally backed flood insurance protection for property owners.

**NATIVE PLANT:**

A plant that occurs naturally in the ecosystem in which it is being planted. Native plants identified by the "Idaho Native Plant Society Boise Area Species And Community List" or by a certified landscape architect as being appropriate to the ecology of the subject property.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION:**

Structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the effective date hereof.

**NONCONFORMING PROPERTY:**

Any property that does not meet the minimum lot size requirements for the district in which the property is located or has never been subdivided.

**NONCONFORMING  
STRUCTURE:**

Any structure that legally existed prior to the adoption date of this code, or at the time of annexation or rezone, which does not conform to the site area, coverage, setback, open space, height, or other regulations prescribing physical development standards for the district in which it is located.

**NONCONFORMING USE:**

Any use that legally existed prior to the adoption date of this code, or at the time of annexation or rezone, which does not conform to the regulations of the district in which it is situated.

**NUCLEUS COLONY:**

A smaller colony used for educational purposes, queen maintenance and rearing, or for use in the capture and future integration of a swarm into a

	<p>viable colony. A nucleus colony is comprised of significantly fewer bees than a conventional colony and is contained in a structure that is approximately one-half (1/2) the size of a normal hive.</p>
OCCUPANCY PERMIT:	<p>The approval to occupy a site which is granted after zoning and building requirements and conditions of approval, if any, have been met or bonded for.</p>
OPEN GRID PAVEMENT SYSTEM:	<p>A permeable pavement surface that has strength for driving or parking vehicles.</p>
OPEN SPACE:	<p>An area substantially open to the sky and suitable for outdoor recreation or enjoyment. The term "open space" may include, but is not limited to, parks, playgrounds, water areas, landscaping, patios, enclosed yards, sports courts, swimming pools, and picnic areas. The term shall not include impervious surface area such as parking and driveways.</p>
OPEN SPACE, COMMON:	<p>Land within a development which is designed and intended for the use and enjoyment of the residents or the public.</p>
ORGANIC FERTILIZER:	<p>A nonsynthetic fertilizer.</p>
ORIGINAL PARCEL OF LAND:	<p>Any unplatted contiguous parcel of land held in one (1) ownership, or a lot or tract of land as recorded on any plat of record created prior to (1988), and on file in the office of the Ada County recorder.</p>
OUTDOOR ACTIVITY AREA:	<p>An area not fully enclosed that is associated with the use, including storage, equipment, loading and docking, but excluding vehicle parking.</p>
OUTDOOR MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT:	<p>Heaters, pumps, HVAC, fan and similar noise emitting equipment.</p>
OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL CONDUCTOR:	<p>An electrical conductor that is either bare or insulated installed above the ground, excepting such conductors which are enclosed in rigid conduit or other material covering of equal strength.</p>
OWNERSHIP:	<p>The individual, firm, association, syndicate, partnership, or corporation having any interest in the land to be subdivided. This may include deed owners of record, optionees, contract purchases and trustees.</p>
PATH:	<p>A completely separated right-of-way designated primarily for use by nonmotorized transport.</p>

PERFORMANCE BOND OR SURETY BOND:

A financial guarantee by an owner or developer to the city in the amount of the estimated construction cost guaranteeing the completion of physical improvements according to plans and specifications within the time prescribed by the agreement.

PERMANENT USE:

A use that is in operation more than nine (9) months of the year.

PERSON:

Any individual, group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, political subdivision, public or private agency, or entity.

PESTICIDE:

A. Any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest, plant, fungus or virus; or

B. Any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant; and

C. Any nitrogen stabilizer.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT:

Property planned as a whole that demonstrates innovation in design to protect natural features or create public amenities through more flexible standards, such as lot sizes, densities and setbacks, than those restrictions that would normally apply under these regulations.

PLANNING OFFICIAL:

An individual or designee having knowledge in the principles and practices of planning who is appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council to administer this Title. Also known as the zoning administrator, city planner or planning director.

PLAT:

The drawing, mapping or planning of a subdivision, cemetery, town site or other tract of land or a replatting of such, including certifications, descriptions and approvals.

Combined Preliminary And Final Plat: A process that involves concurrent review and decision on a preliminary and final plat.

Final Plat: The final and formal presentation by drawings of an approved subdivision development, the original and one (1) copy of which are filed with the county clerk and recorder.

Preliminary Plat: The first formal presentation by drawings of a proposed subdivision.

Sketch Plat: A sketch preparatory to a preliminary plat that indicates all roads, parks, rights-of-way and public sites.

PLAZA: An open area adjacent to buildings and the street, or between buildings, that provides visual and pedestrian access onto the site. Plazas provide space for passive activities, such as resting, reading, picnicking, function as gathering places, and may contain a variety of intermittent activities, such as vendors and display stands.

PRINCIPAL USE: The main use of land or buildings as distinguished from a subordinate or accessory use.

PRIVACY FENCE: A fence that is constructed of solid or opaque materials through which no views through the fence can be seen.

PRIVATE OPEN SPACE: Porches, patios, decks, and enclosed yards. Landscaping, entryways, and other accessways are not private open space.

PRUNE: To cut or lop off superfluous, dead, diseased or damaged twigs, branches or roots to improve health, shape or growth.

REAL PROPERTY: The land and that which is permanently affixed to the land.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: A portable vehicle primarily designed as temporary living accommodations for recreational camping and travel use and as defined in Idaho Code section 49-119(R).

REGULATORY FLOOD: A flood determined to be representative of large floods known to have occurred in Idaho and which may be expected to occur on a particular stream because of like physical characteristics. The regulatory flood is based upon a statistical analysis of stream flow records available for the watershed or an analysis of rainfall and runoff characteristics in the watershed. In inland areas, the flood frequency of the regulatory flood is once in every one hundred (100) years. This means that in any given year there is a one percent (1%) chance that a regulatory flood may occur or be exceeded.

<u>REGULATORY FLOODWAY:</u>	See "Floodway."
RESERVE STRIP:	A strip of land between a partial street and adjacent property, which is reserved or held in public ownership for future street extension or widening.
RESTRICTED USE CHEMICAL:	Any pesticide, pesticide use, soil sterilant or fertilizer classified for restricted use by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Restricted use pesticides typically may not be applied by anyone not licensed to apply restricted use pesticides.
RIGHT-OF-WAY:	A strip of land reserved or dedicated for use as a public way. In addition to the roadway, it normally incorporates the curbs, lawn strips, sidewalks, lighting and drainage facilities, and landscaped areas.
RIPARIAN ZONE:	The area between the ordinary high water mark of the Boise River including tributaries where water comes from and flows back into the Boise River and the greenbelt and/or nature path; or where there is no greenbelt and/or nature path adjacent to the river or tributary, the area measured twenty-five feet (25') in width from the riverbank.
<u>RIVERINE:</u>	<u>Relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries, stream, brook, etc.)</u>
SERVICE AREAS:	Trash and waste storage, trash enclosures, outdoor storage, utility vaults and boxes, and transformers.
SETBACK LINE:	A line established by this Title, generally parallel with and measured from the lot line, defining the limits of a yard in which no building or structure may be located aboveground except as may be provided herein or in any code (fire, building, life safety, etc.) adopted by the city.
SIDEWALK:	That portion of the road outside the vehicle travel way which is improved for the use of pedestrian traffic.
SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT:	Any repair, reconstruction or improvement to property the cost of which equals or exceeds twenty five percent (25%) of the tax assessed value either before the improvement or repair is started, or if the

structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred. For the purpose of this definition, significant improvement is the value of all combined improvements within a five (5) year time frame.

**SITE IDENTITY MARKER:** A sign, address, water feature, artwork, trellis, or entry feature that provides unique identification of the development.

**SITE LAYOUT TEMPLATE:** A site design that shows a layout of building footprints, common areas, access lanes, and parking that is adopted by the city and that can be generally applied on a number of similarly situated sites.

**SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL USES:** Commercial uses one thousand (1,000) square feet or less and that are oriented toward a neighborhood market including the following: artist studio; bakery; childcare center; food store; healthcare and social services; laundromat, self-service; personal and professional services; restaurant-bar; and retail.

**SOIL STERILANT:** A chemical that temporarily or permanently prevents the growth of all plants and animals.

**SOLAR REFLECTANCE INDEX (SRI):** A measurement of the constructed surface's ability to reflect solar heat, as shown by a small temperature rise. It is defined so that a standard black (reflectance 0.05, emittance 0.90) is zero and a standard white (reflectance 0.80, emittance 0.90) is one hundred (100).

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (SFHA):** The land in the floodplain within a community subject to a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. For purposes of these regulations, the term "special flood hazard area" is synonymous in meaning with the phrase "area of special flood hazard".

**START OF CONSTRUCTION:** Includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement or other improvement was within one hundred eighty (180) days of the permit date. The "actual start" means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work

beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the "actual start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

- STATE: The state of Idaho.
- STORY: The space between two (2) adjacent floor levels, or between the floor and the roof level.
- STREET: A public or private right-of-way which provides vehicle and pedestrian access to adjacent properties. The term "street" also includes the terms highway, thoroughfare, parkway, road, avenue, boulevard, lane, or place.
- Street, Alley: A minor street providing secondary access at the back or side of a property otherwise abutting a street.
- Street, Arterial: A street designated on the comprehensive plan for the purpose of carrying fast and/or high volume traffic.
- Street, Collector: A street designated on the comprehensive plan for the purpose of carrying traffic from minor streets to other collector streets and/or arterial streets.
- Street, Cul-De-Sac: A street connected to another street at one (1) end only and provided with a turnaround space at its terminus.
- Street, Frontage: A minor street, parallel to and adjacent to an arterial street to provide access to abutting properties.
- Street, Minor: A street which has the primary purpose of providing access to abutting properties.

Street, Partial Or Half: A dedicated right-of-way providing only a portion of the required street width, usually along the edge of a subdivision or tract of land.

Street, Private: A street that is not accepted for public use which provides vehicle and pedestrian access.

STRUCTURE:

Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having a fixed location on the ground. The term "structure" includes buildings, storage tanks, manufactured and mobile homes, walls and fences.

SUBDIVISION:

The result of an act of dividing an original lot, tract or parcel of land into two (2) or more parts for the purpose of transfer of ownership or development; which may also include easements and the dedication of a public street or designation of private lanes or rights-of-way, and the addition to, or creation of, a cemetery. However, this definition shall not apply to any of the following:

A. An adjustment of lot lines as shown on a recorded plat which does not reduce the area, frontage, width, depth or building setback lines of each building site below the minimum zoning requirements, and does not increase the original number of building sites in any block of the recorded plat;

B. An allocation of land in the settlement of an estate of a decedent or a court decree for the distribution of property;

C. The unwilling sale of land as a result of legal condemnation as defined and allowed in the Idaho Code;

D. Widening of existing streets to conform to the comprehensive plan, or as required by ACHD;

E. The acquisition of street rights-of-way by a public agency; and

F. The exchange of land for the purpose of straightening property boundaries which does not result in the change of the present land usage.

SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION: An adjustment to an approved application that impacts the use of the property, adjacent properties or a reduction of improvements.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE: ~~Damage of any origin whereby the cost of restoration to the improvement's condition before damage would equal or exceed fifty percent (50%) of the tax assessed value before the damage occurred.~~

Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed fifty percent (50%) of its market value before the damage occurred. Substantial damage also means flood-related damage sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of each flood event, on average, equals or exceeds twenty-five percent (25%) of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT: ~~Any repair, reconstruction or improvement to property the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the tax assessed value either before the improvement or repair is started, or if the structure has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred. For the purpose of this definition substantial improvement is the value of all combined improvements within a five (5) year time frame.~~

Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" or the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of actual repair work performed. This term does not, however include either:

Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or

Any alteration of “historic structure”, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “historic structure” and the alteration is approved by variance.

- SURVEYOR: Any person who is licensed in the state as a public land surveyor to do professional surveying.
- TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY: The jurisdiction having jurisdiction over the transportation facility. The transportation authorities in Garden City include Ada County Highway District, Idaho Transportation Department, Valley Regional Transit and Garden City.
- USE: The specific purposes for which land or a building is designed, arranged, intended or for which it is or may be occupied or maintained.
- USE, INTENSIFICATION: Any addition or change that adds more capacity, expands the operation or increases the physical size of an existing use.
- UTILITIES: Installations for conducting water, sewage, gas, electricity, telephone, television, storm, irrigation, and drainage water, and similar facilities providing service to and used by the public.
- VARIANCE: A modification of the requirements of this Title as allowed by section 8-6B-9 of this Title and enabled by Idaho Code section 67-6516.
- VEGETATIVE COVER: Turf, grass blocks or other low level ground cover which can be maintained with vehicles frequently driving or parking on the surface.
- VEHICLE: Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public street or waterway. This includes boats, mobile homes, motor homes, trailers, motorcycles and bicycles unless otherwise stated.
- VEHICLE, COMMERCIAL: A vehicle, as defined by Idaho Code section 49-123, used for the transportation of persons or property by the owner of the vehicle for hire, compensation, or profit. A vehicle used in a ridesharing arrangement that has a seating capacity for not more than fifteen (15) persons, including the driver, shall not be a "commercial vehicle."
- WALKWAY: A public way, for pedestrian use only, whether or not along the side of a road.

**WATER DEPENDENT:** A structure for commerce or industry which cannot exist in any other location and is dependent on the water by reason of the intrinsic nature of its operations.

**WORK-LIVE-CREATE PROPERTY:** The use of a structure and/or site that combines a commercial or manufacturing activity allowed in the overlay district with a residential living space. The spaces may be combined within one (1) space, attached to one another, or separated but located on the same property.

**WORK SPACE:** An area for the production or sales of goods and services.

**YARD:** A required open space, other than a court, unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from three feet (3') above the general ground level of the graded lot upward; provided, accessories, ornaments and furniture may be permitted in any yard, subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.

Yard, Front: A yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot and from the front lot line to the front of the principal building.

Yard, Interior: A yard extending from the principal building to the side lot line on both sides of the principal building between the lines establishing the front and rear yards.

Yard, Rear: A yard extending between side lot lines across the rear of a lot and from the rear lot line to the rear of the principal building.

Yard, Street Side: A yard extending from the principal building to the secondary street that adjoins the lot between the lines establishing the front and rear yards.

**ZONE OF TRANSPARENCY:** The area on the ground floor of a building that is constructed of materials capable of emitting light so that images on the other side can be seen.

**ZONING DISTRICT, BASE:** General district in which all properties are divided into residential, commercial or industrial uses and reflected on the zoning map.

**ZONING DISTRICT, OVERLAY:** A special district which supplements or substitutes the requirements of the base zoning district in order to address particular circumstances on the site.

**ZONING PERMIT:**

A document issued by the administrator in accordance with and adherence to city ordinance, authorizing the uses of land and structures and the characteristics of the uses.

**SECTION 19:** THAT TITLE 8 (DEVELOPMENT CODE), CHAPTER 4 (DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) ARTICLE H (FLOOD HAZARD) OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY BE ESTABLISHED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

**8-4H-1: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

**A. PURPOSE**

1. Adopt flood hazard management provisions pursuant to Idaho Code.
2. The flood hazard areas of the City of Garden City are subject to periodic inundation that results in:
  - a. loss of life and property;
  - b. health and safety hazards;
  - c. disruption of commerce and governmental services; extraordinary public expenditures for flood relief and protection; and
  - d. impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
3. These flood losses are caused by structures in flood hazard areas, which are inadequately elevated, flood-proofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damages, and by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities.
4. The purpose of this Article is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas by provisions designed to:
  - a. Protect human life, health, and property;
  - b. minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water purification and sewage treatment plants, water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets, and bridges located in floodplains;
  - c. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood prone areas;

- d. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
- e. Minimize the need for rescue and emergency services associated with flooding, generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
- f. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
- g. Ensure potential buyers are notified the property is in an area of special flood hazard;
- h. Ensure those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions; and
- i. Participate in and maintain eligibility for flood insurance and disaster relief.

## B. OBJECTIVES

In order to accomplish its purpose, this Article includes methods and provisions to:

1. Require that development which is vulnerable to floods, including structures and facilities necessary for the general health, safety, and welfare of citizens, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;
2. Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, or which increase flood heights, velocities, or erosion;
3. Control filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase flood damage or erosion;
4. Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers that will unnaturally divert flood waters or that may increase flood hazards to other lands;
5. Preserve and restore natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which carry and store flood waters.

## **8-4H-2 DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Article, each of terms defined shall have the meaning given in this Section unless a different meaning is clearly required by context. Where there are conflicts with definitions found in other sections of Garden City Code, the definitions of this Article shall be applied to this Article only.

Accessory Structure (appurtenant structure): a structure on the same lot or parcel as a principal structure, the use of which is incidental and subordinate to the principal structure.

Addition (to an existing building): an extension or increase in the floor area or height of a building or structure

Appeal: a request for review of the Floodplain Administrator's interpretation of provisions of this Article or request for a variance.

Area of Shallow Flooding: a designated AO, AH, AR/AO, or AR/AH zone on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with a 1 percent (1%) or greater annual chance of flooding to an average depth of one (1) to three (3) feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable, and where velocity flow may be evidence. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

Area of Special Flood Hazard: see Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Base Flood: the flood having a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Base Flood Elevation (BFE): a determination by the Federal Insurance Administrator of the water surface elevations of the base flood, that is, the flood level that has a one percent (1%) or greater chance of occurrence in any given year. When the BFE has not been provided in a Special Flood Hazard Area, it may be obtained from engineering studies available from a Federal, State or other source using FEMA-approved engineering methodologies. This elevation, when combined with Freeboard, establishes the Flood Protection Elevation.

Basement any area of the building having its floor sub grade (below ground level) on all sides.

Building: see Structure.

Critical Facilities: facilities that are vital to flood response activities or critical to the health and safety of the public before, during, and after a flood, such as hospital, emergency operations center, electric substation, police station, fire station, nursing home, school, vehicle and equipment storage facility, or shelter; and facilities that, if flooded, would make the flood problem and its impacts much worse, such as a hazardous materials facility, power generation facility, water utility, or wastewater treatment plant.

Datum: the vertical datum is a base measurement point (or set of points) from which all elevations are determined. Historically, that common set of points was the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29). The vertical datum currently adopted by the federal government as a base for measuring heights is the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD88).

Development: any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials.

Development Activity: any activity defined as Development, which will necessitate a Floodplain Development Permit; such as: construction of buildings, structures, or accessory structures; additions or substantial improvements to existing structures; bulkheads, retaining walls, piers, and pools; the placement of mobile homes; or the deposition or extraction of materials; the construction or elevation of dikes, berms and levees.

Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM): the digital official map of a community, issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, on which both the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community are delineated.

Elevated Building: for insurance purposes, a non-basement building which has its lowest elevated floor raised above ground level by foundation walls, shear walls, post, piers, pilings, or columns.

Elevation Certificate: The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the NFIP. It is used to determine the proper flood insurance premium rate; it is used to document elevation information; and it may be used to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F)

Enclosure: an area enclosed by solid walls below the BFE/FPE or an area formed when any space below the BFE/FPE is enclosed on all sides by walls or partitions. Insect screening or open wood lattice used to surround space below the BFE/RFPE is not considered an enclosure.

Encroachment: the advance or infringement of uses, fill, excavation, buildings, structures, or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain.

Exempt Activity or Improvement: an insignificant activity or minor and incidental improvement, which will not necessitate a Floodplain Development Permit because it will not create a new obstruction to flood flows, alter drainage, or have any potential to become a substantial improvement; including: routine maintenance and minor repairs, such as painting and roof and siding repairs and replacement; planting a garden; installing a mailbox; erecting a flagpole; or other similar activities.

Existing Construction: for the purposes of determining rates, structures for which the “start of construction” commenced before the effective date of the FIRM or before January 1, 1975, for FIRMs effective before that date. “Existing construction” may also be referred to as “existing structures.”

Existing Manufactured Home Park or Manufactured Home Subdivision: a manufactured home park or subdivision where the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads)

is completed before the effective date of the original floodplain management regulations adopted by the community, January 17, 1979.

Existing Structures: see existing construction.

Expansion to an Existing Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision: the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufacturing homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).

Flood or Flooding: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Flood Elevation Determination: See Base Flood Elevation (BFE).

Flood Elevation Study: See Flood Insurance Study (FIS).

Flood Fringe: "Flood fringe: is that portion of the floodplain outside of the floodway covered by floodwaters during the regulatory flood. I.C. § 46-1021.

Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM): an official map of a community, issued by the Federal Insurance Administrator, where the boundaries of the flood, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) related erosion areas having special hazards been designated as Zones A, M, and E.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM): see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Flood Insurance Study (FIS): an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations; or an examination, evaluation and determination of mudslide (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion hazards.

Flood Zone: a geographical area shown on a Flood hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) that reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.

Floodplain or Flood-Prone Area: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Floodplain Administrator: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Floodplain Development Permit: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Floodplain Management: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Floodplain Management Regulations: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Flood proofing: any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

Flood Protection Elevation (FPE): The Base Flood Elevation plus required freeboard.

1. In “Special Flood Hazard Areas” where the Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) have been determined, this elevation shall be the BFE plus one and one half (2’) feet of freeboard; and

2. In “Special Flood Hazard Areas” where no BFE has been established, this evaluation shall be at least one and one half (2’) feet above the highest adjacent grade.

Flood Protection System: those physical structural works for which funds have been authorized, appropriated, and expended and which have been constructed specifically to modify flooding in order to reduce the extent of the area within a community subject to a “special flood hazard” and the extent of the depths of associated flooding. Such a system typically includes dams, reservoirs, levees, or dikes. These specialized flood modifying works are those constructed in conformance with sound engineering standards.

Floodway: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Freeboard: a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management. Freeboard tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for selected size flood and the floodway conditions, such as wave action, obstructed bridge openings, debris and ice jams, and the hydrologic effects of urbanization in a watershed. The Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus the freeboard establishes the Flood Protection Elevation (FPE). Freeboard shall be at least one and one half (2’) feet.

Functionally Dependent Use: a facility that cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, such as a docking or port facility necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, shipbuilding, or ship repair facilities the term does not include long-term storage, manufacture, sales, or service facilities.

Highest Adjacent Grade (HAG): the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction, adjacent to the proposed walls of a structure. Refer to the FEMA Elevation Certificate for HAG related to building elevation information.

Historic Structure: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Letter of Map Change (LOMC): a general term used to refer to the several types of revisions and amendments to FEMA maps that can be accomplished by letter. They include Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), and Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-F).

1. Letter of Map Amendment LOMA: an official amendment, by letter, to an effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. A LOMA establishes a property's location in relation to the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). LOMAs are usually issued because a property has been inadvertently mapped as being in the floodplain but is actually on natural high ground above the base flood elevation.
2. Letter of Map Revision (LOMR): FEMA's modification to an effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or a Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM) or both. LOMRs are generally based on the implementation of physical measures that affect the hydrologic or hydraulic characteristics of a flooding source and thus result in the modification of the existing regulatory floodway, the effective base Flood Elevations (BFEs), or the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The LOMR officially revises the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM), and sometimes the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, and when appropriate, includes a description of the modifications. The LOMR is generally accompanied by an annotated copy of the affected portions of the FIRM, FBFM, or FIS report.
3. Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F): FEMA's modification of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) based on the placement of fill outside the existing regulatory floodway. The LOMR-F does not change the FIRM, FBFM, or FIS report.
4. Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR): A formal review and comment as to whether a proposed flood protection project or other project complies with the minimum NFIP requirements for such projects with respect to delineation of special flood hazard areas. A CLOMR does not revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Insurance Study (FIS). Upon submission and approval of certified as-built documentation, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) may be issued by FEMA to revise the effective FIRM. Building permits and/or Flood Development Permits cannot be issued based on CLOMR, because a CLOMR does not change the NFIP map.

Levee: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Levee System: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Local Government: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG): the lowest point of the ground level next to the structure. Refer to FEMA Elevation Certificate for LAG related to building elevation information.

Lowest Floor: the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; Provided, that such enclosure is not built as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of 44 CFR § 60.3 and this Article.

Maintenance (irrigation): the act of ongoing upkeep of existing structures required to keep channels in a condition adequate to support the conveyance of irrigation and drainage water (this does not include the complete replacement or substantial replacement of an existing structure). Maintenance is further defined as the care or upkeep of channels, works, appurtenances, easements, utility corridors and property; to keep in an existing state, specified state of repair, and efficiency; return to a former condition, elevation, place, and position; to preserve from failure or decline; or repair or renovate so as to return it to its original condition. Maintenance does not include dredging as defined herein.

Manufactured Home: a structure, transportable in one or more sections, built on permanent chassis and designed to be used with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term “Manufactured Home” does not include a “Recreational Vehicle.”

Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision: a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.

Market Value: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Mean Sea Level: for purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929 or other datum (such as North America Vertical Datum of 1988 –NAVD88) to which Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown on a community’s FIRM are referenced.

Mitigation: means any action taken which will reduce the impact, damage, or cost of the next flood that occurs.

Mudslide (i.e. mudflow): describes a condition where there is a river, flow, or inundation of liquid mud down a hillside usually as a result of a dual condition of loss of brush cover and the subsequent accumulation of water on the ground preceded by a period of unusually heavy or sustained rain. A mudslide (i.e., mudflow) may occur as a distinct phenomenon while a landslide is in progress, and will be recognized as such by the Administrator only if the mudflow, and not the landslide, is the proximate cause of damage that occurs.

Mudslide (i.e. mudflow) Area Management: the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measure for reducing mudslide (i.e., mudflow) damage, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, mudslide control works, and floodplain management regulations.

Mudslide (i.e. mudflow) Prone Area: an area with land surfaces and slopes of unconsolidated material where the history, geology, and climate indicate a potential for mudflow.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

New Construction: a structure for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of a floodplain management regulation adopted by a community and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures, with the exception of exempt improvements. Any construction started after March 14, 1978, and before the effective start date of this floodplain management ordinance is subject to the ordinance in effect at the time the permit was issued, provided the start of construction was within 180 days of permit issuance.

New Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision: a place where the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after January 12, 1979.

Operation (irrigation): the regular and reoccurring performance of typical work by an irrigation or drainage entity including, but not limited to the delivery or drainage of water, measurement of water, and adjustment of irrigation and drainage works and all related appurtenances.

Person: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Post-FIRM: construction or other development for which the “start of construction” occurred on or after January 12, 1979, the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Pre-FIRM: construction or other development for which the “start of construction” occurred before January 12, 1979, the effective date of the initial Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

Recreational Vehicle: a vehicle that is:

1. Built on a single chassis, and
2. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, and
3. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towed by a light duty truck, and
4. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Regulatory Flood: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Regulatory Floodway: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Remedy a Violation: to bring the structure or other development into compliance with state or local floodplain management regulations, or, if this is not possible to reduce the impact of its non-compliance. Ways that impacts may be reduced include protecting the structure or other affected development from flood damages, implementing the enforcement

provisions of the ordinance or otherwise deterring future similar violations, or reducing Federal financial exposure with regard to the structure or other development.

Repair (irrigation): the restoration to good or sound conditions of any part of an existing structure, channel, channel bank, or service road for the purpose of maintenance (this does not include the complete replacement or substantial replacement of an existing structure). Repair does not include dredging as defined herein.

Repetitive Loss Structure: An NFIP-insured structure that has had at least two paid flood losses of more than \$ 1,000 each in any 10-year period since 1978.

Riverine: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA): see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Start of Construction: includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

Structure: a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

Substantial Damage: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Substantial Improvement: see Garden City Code 8-7A-2

Temperature Controlled: having the temperature regulated by a heating and/or cooling system, built-in or appliance.

Variance: a grant of relief by the governing body from a requirement of this Article.

Violation: the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development

without the Finished Construction Elevation Certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in 44 CFR § 60.3 is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

Water Surface Elevation: the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929 or the North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988 (or other specified datum), of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.

Watercourse: a lake, river, creek, stream, wash, channel, or other topographic feature on or over which waters flow at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur.

### **8-4H-3 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Lands to which this Article Applies**

This Article shall apply to all Special Flood Hazard Areas within the Jurisdiction of Garden City. Nothing in this Article is intended to allow use or structures that are otherwise prohibited by the zoning Article.

#### **B. Basis for Special Flood Hazard Areas**

The Special Flood Hazard Areas identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Ada County, Idaho and Incorporated Areas, dated June 19, 2020, with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) or Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM), and other supporting data, are adopted by reference and declared a part of this Article. The FIS and the FIRM are on file at Garden City Hall.

Properties that are not identified in the regulatory floodplain in the 2003 FIRM that show that there is a one percent (1%) or greater chance of flood occurrence in a given year in the 2018 Flood Insurance Study utilized for the creation of June 19, 2020 FIRM shall be constructed to or above the BFE identified in the 2018 Flood Insurance Study, as adopted by Garden City Resolution 1083-20, and also comply with all other applicable permitting and construction standards set forth by this Article or provide and record an acknowledgement that the structure will be built to conditions contradicted by best available data.

Properties that are in the floodway in the 2003 FIRMs that no longer identified in the floodway in the Flood Insurance Study utilized for the creation of June 19, 2020 FIRM, as adopted by Garden City Resolution 1083-20, shall be regulated as 100-year floodplain instead of floodway.

#### **C. Floodplain Development Permit**

A Floodplain Development Permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this Article prior to the commencement of any development activities, with the exception of exempt activities or improvements, within Special Flood Hazard Areas determined in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

#### D. Compliance

No structure or land shall hereafter be located, extended, converted, altered, or developed in any way without full compliance with the terms of this Article and other applicable regulations.

#### E. Abrogation and Greater Restrictions

This Title shall not in any way repeal, abrogate, impair, or remove the necessity of compliance with any other laws, ordinances, regulations, easements, covenants, or deed restrictions, etcetera. However, where this ordinance and another conflict or overlap whichever imposes more stringent or greater restrictions shall control.

#### F. Interpretation

In the interpretation and application of this Article all provisions shall be:

1. Considered as minimum requirements;
2. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and
3. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under the state statutes.

#### G. Warning and Disclaimer of Liability

The degree of flood protection required by this Article is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This Article does not imply that land outside the Special Flood Hazard Areas or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damages. This Article shall not create liability on the part of Garden City or by any officer or employee thereof for flood damages that result from reliance on this Article or an administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.

#### H. Enforcement and Sanctions

Development constructed or maintained in violation of this Article is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and the creation thereof may be enjoined and the maintenance thereof may be abated by action of the City of Garden City or any citizen thereof.

## **8-4H-4 ADMINISTRATION**

### **A. Designation of Floodplain Ordinance Administrator**

The Floodplain Administrator shall administer and implement the provisions of this Article.

### **B. Duties and Responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator**

The Floodplain Administrator or his or her designee shall perform, but not be limited to, the following duties:

1. Review all floodplain development applications and issue permits for all proposed development within Special Flood Hazard Areas to assure that the requirements of this Article have been satisfied.
2. Review all proposed development within Special Flood Hazard Areas to assure that all necessary Local, State, and Federal permits have been received, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 USC 1334.
3. Notify adjacent communities and the Idaho Department of Water Resources State Coordinator for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit evidence of such notification to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
4. Assure that the flood carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained
5. Prevent encroachments into floodways unless the certification and flood hazard reduction provisions of this Article are met.
6. Obtain and maintain actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) and all attendant utilities of all new and substantially improved structures, in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
7. Obtain actual elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of all public utilities in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
8. Review plans to verify that public utilities are constructed in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
9. When flood proofing is utilized for a particular structure, obtain and maintain certifications from a registered professional engineer or architect in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
10. Where interpretation is needed as to the exact location of boundaries of the Special Flood Hazard Areas or Floodways (for example, where there appears to be a

conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions), make the necessary interpretation. The person contesting the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in this Article.

11. When the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data is provided but no floodway data has been provided in accordance with the provisions of this Article, obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source in order to administer provisions of this Article.

12. When the lowest floor and the lowest adjacent grade of a structure or the lowest ground elevation of a parcel in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE), the Floodplain Administrator may advise the property owner of the option to apply for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) from FEMA. Maintain a copy of the LOMA issued by FEMA in the floodplain development permanent file.

13. Permanently maintain all records that pertain to the administration of this Article and make these records available for public inspection.

14. Make on-site inspections of work in progress. As the work pursuant to a floodplain development permit progresses, the Floodplain Administrator may make as many inspections of the work as may be necessary to ensure that the work is being done according to the provisions of the local ordinance and the terms of the permit. In exercising this power, the Floodplain Administrator has a right, upon presentation of proper credentials, to enter on any premises within the jurisdiction of the community at any reasonable hour for the purposes of inspection or other enforcement action.

15. Issue stop-work orders as required. Whenever a building or part thereof is being constructed, reconstructed, altered, or repaired in violation of this Article, the Floodplain Administrator may order the work to be immediately stopped. The stop-work order shall be in writing and directed to the person doing or in charge of the work. The stop-work order shall state the specific work to be stopped, the specific reason(s) for the stoppage, and the condition(s) under which the work may be resumed.

16. Revoke floodplain development permits as required. Floodplain administrator may revoke and require the return of the floodplain development permit by notifying the permit holder in writing stating the reasons for the revocation. Permits shall be revoked for any substantial departure from the approved application, plans, and specifications; for refusal or failure to comply with the requirements of state or local laws; or for false statements or misrepresentations made in securing the permit. Any floodplain development permit mistakenly issued in violation of an applicable State or local law may also be revoked. Violation of a stop-work order constitutes a misdemeanor.

17. Make periodic inspections throughout the Special Flood Hazard Areas within the jurisdiction of Garden City. The Floodplain Administrator and each member of his or her inspections department shall have a right, upon presentation of proper credentials

to enter on any premises within the territorial jurisdiction of the department at any reasonable hour for the purpose of inspection or other enforcement action.

18. Follow through with corrective procedures of this Article.

19. Review, provide input, and make recommendations for variance requests.

20. Maintain a current map repository to include, but not limited to, the FIS report, FIRM and other official flood maps, and studies adopted in accordance with the provisions of this Article, including any revisions thereto including Letters of Map Change, issued by FEMA. Notify the NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA of Garden City's mapping needs.

21. Coordinate revisions to FIS reports and FIRMS, including Letters of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-Fs) and Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs)

22. A community's base flood elevations may increase or decrease resulting from physical changes affecting flooding conditions. As soon as practicable, but not later than six months after the date such information becomes available, a community shall notify the Federal Insurance Administrator (FIA) of the changes by submitting technical or scientific data in accordance with this part. Such a submission is necessary so that upon confirmation of those physical changes affecting flooding conditions, risk premium rates and floodplain management requirements will be based upon current data.

23. Upon occurrence, notify the Federal Insurance Administrator (FIA) in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified by annexation or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that all FHBMs and FIRMs accurately represent the community's boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or new area for which the community has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.

### C. Floodplain Development Application, Permit, and Certification Requirements

1. Application requirements. Application for a Floodplain Development Permit shall be made to the city prior to any development activities, with the exception of exempt activities or improvements, located within Special Flood Hazard Areas. The following items shall be presented to the Floodplain Administrator to apply for a floodplain development permit:

- a. A site plan drawn to scale which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following specific details of the proposed floodplain development:
  - i. the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area of development/disturbance; existing and proposed structures, utility systems,

- grading/pavement areas, fill materials, storage areas, drainage facilities, and other development;
- ii. the boundary of the Special Flood Hazard Area is delineated on the FIRM or other flood map as determined in this Article or a statement that the that the entire lot is within the Special Flood Hazard Area;
  - iii. the flood zone(s) designation of the proposed development area as determined on the FIRM or other flood map as determined in in this Article;
  - iv. the boundary of the floodway(s) as determined in this Article);
  - v. the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) where provided as set forth in this Article;
  - vi. the old and new location of any watercourse that will be altered or relocated as a result of proposed development; and
  - vii. the certification of the plot plan by a registered land surveyor or professional engineer, or as otherwise governed by Idaho State Statute.
- b. Proposed elevation, and method thereof, of all development within a Special Flood Hazard Area including but not limited to:
- i. Elevation in relation to mean sea level of the proposed lowest floor (including basement) of all structures;
  - ii. Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any non-residential structure in Zone A, AE, AH, or AO will be flood proofed; and
  - iii. Elevation in relation to mean sea level to which any proposed utility systems will be elevated or flood proofed.
- c. If flood proofing, a Flood proofing Certificate on the applicable FEMA form with supporting data, an operational plan, and an inspection and maintenance plan that include, but are not limited to, installation, exercise, and maintenance of flood proofing measures.
- d. A foundation Plan, drawn to scale, which shall include details of the proposed foundation system to ensure all provisions of this Article are met. These details include but are not limited to:
- i. the proposed method of elevation, if applicable (i.e., fill, solid foundation perimeter wall, solid backfilled foundation, open foundation, or on columns/posts/piers/piles/shear walls); and

- ii. openings to facilitate automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces on walls in accordance with in this Article when solid foundation perimeter walls are used in Zones A, AE, AH, and AO.
  - e. Usage details of any enclosed areas below the lowest floor.
  - f. Plans and/or details for the protection of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems to be located and constructed to minimize flood damage.
  - g. Certification that all other Local, State, and Federal permits required prior to floodplain development permit issuance have been received.
  - h. Documentation for placement of recreational vehicles and/or temporary structures, when applicable, to ensure that the provisions of this Article are met.
  - i. A description of proposed watercourse alteration or relocation, when applicable including an engineering report on the effects of the proposed project on the flood-carrying capacity of the watercourse and the effects to properties located both upstream and downstream; and
  - j. A map (if not shown on site plan) showing the location of the proposed watercourse alteration or relocation.
2. Permit requirements. The Floodplain Development Permit shall include, but not be limited to:
- a. A complete description of all the development to be permitted under the floodplain development permit (i.e. house, garage, pool, septic, bulkhead, cabana, pole barn, chicken coop, pier, bridge, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations, or storage of equipment or materials, etcetera).
  - b. The Special Flood Hazard Area determination for the proposed development in accordance with the available data specified in this Article.
  - c. The Flood Protection Elevation required for the lowest floor and all attendant utilities.
  - d. The Flood Protection Elevation required for the protection of all public utilities.
  - e. All certification submittal requirements with timelines.
  - f. A statement that no fill material or other development shall encroach into the floodway area of any watercourse, as applicable.

- g. The flood openings requirements, if in Zones A, AE, AH, or AO.
  - h. A statement of the limitations of below BFE enclosure uses, if applicable (i.e., parking, building access and limited storage only.)
  - i. A statement that all materials below BFE/FPE must be flood resistant materials.
3. Certification Requirements
- a. Elevation Certificates
    - i. An Elevation Certificate on approved FEMA form is required prior to the actual start of any new construction. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to submit the Elevation Certificate to the City for review. Deficiencies detected by such review may be required to be corrected by the permit holder prior to the beginning of construction. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make required corrections may be cause to deny the permit.
    - ii. An Elevation Certificate, on an approved FEMA form, is required after the lowest floor is established. Within seven (7) calendar days of establishment of the lowest floor elevation, it shall be the duty of the permit holder to submit to a certification of the elevation to the City. Any work done within the seven (7) calendar period and prior to submission of the certification shall be at the permit holder's risk. Deficiencies detected by such review shall be corrected by the permit holder immediately and prior to further work being permitted to proceed. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make required corrections shall be cause to issue a stop-work order for the project.
    - iii. A final as-built Finished Construction Elevation Certificate on an approved FEMA form is required after construction is completed and prior to Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy issuance. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to submit a certification of final as-built construction of the elevation of the lowest floor and all attendant utilities to the City. Deficiencies detected by such review shall be corrected by the permit holder immediately and prior to Certification of Compliance/Occupancy issuance. In some instances, another certification may be required to certify corrected as-built construction. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make required corrections shall be cause to withhold the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy.
  - b. Flood proofing Certificate. If non-residential flood proofing is used to meet the Flood Protection Elevation requirements, a Flood proofing Certificate on an approved FEMA form, with supporting data, an operational plan, and an inspection and maintenance plan are required prior to the actual start of any new construction. It shall be the duty of the permit holder to submit a certification of the flood proofed design elevation of the lowest floor and all attendant utilities,

in relation to mean sea level. Flood proofing certification shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a professional engineer or architect and certified by the same. Deficiencies detected during review shall be corrected by the applicant prior to permit approval. Failure to submit the certification or failure to make required corrections shall be cause to deny the permit. Failure to construct in accordance with the certified design shall be cause to withhold the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy.

- c. If a manufactured home is placed within Zone A, AE, AH, AO, or A1-30 and the elevation of the chassis is more than 36 inches in height above grade, an engineered foundation certification is required in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
  - d. If a watercourse is to be altered or relocated, the following shall all be submitted by the permit applicant prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit:
  - e. Certification Exemptions. The following structures, if located within Zone A, AE, AH, or AO are exempt from the elevation/ flood proofing certification requirements specified in items a and b of this subsection:
    - i. Recreational vehicles meeting requirements of this Article;
    - ii. Temporary Structures meeting requirement of this Article; and
    - iii. Accessory Structures less than 200 square feet meeting requirements of this Article.
4. Determinations for Existing Buildings and Structures. For applications for building permits, the Floodplain Administrator, in coordination with the Building Official, shall:
- a. Estimate the market value based on Ada County Assessor data or require the applicant to obtain an appraisal of the value prepared by a qualified independent appraiser, of the building or structure before the start of construction of the proposed work. In the case of repair, the market value of the building or structure shall be the value before the damage occurred and before any repairs are made;
  - b. Compare the cost to perform the improvement, the cost to repair a damaged building to its pre-damaged condition, or the combined costs of improvements and repairs, if applicable to the market value of the building or structure;
  - c. Determine and document whether the proposed work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage; and
  - d. Notify the applicant if it is determined that the work constitutes substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage and that compliance with the flood resistant construction requirements of the adopted building code and this Article is required.

5. A General Irrigation Floodplain Development Permit (GIF). A GIF applies to qualifying activities within the regulatory floodway or special flood hazard area. These permits may be issued to an irrigation entity for a period not to exceed five years. Examples of activities eligible under this provision include:

- a. Dredging and grading of irrigation and drainage channels, when the fill from dredging or grading is not deposited on the banks of channels or anywhere within the regulatory floodway or SFHA for longer than 10 days.
- b. Seasonal grading within natural stream channels to check or direct water into irrigation facilities (i.e. earthen “push-up dams” and “wing dams”).
- c. Deposition of fill within the SFHA for less than 10 days. After 10 days,
- d. Deposited fill must be removed from the SFHA or graded and compacted to existing grade within  $\pm 0.2$  feet. Deposition of fill includes deposition of material resulting from grading or excavating irrigation or drainage channels. Deposition of fill within the mapped floodway requires an individual permit.
- e. Construction of new underground utilities that do not permanently alter the existing grade elevations by  $\pm 0.5$  feet. Excess soil from new pipes larger than 2 feet in diameter must be disposed of outside the regulatory floodway and SFHA.
- f. In-kind replacement of irrigation and drainage works or components including but not limited to control gates or head gates, measuring devices and their housing structures/stilling wells, culverts, pumps, pipes, flumes, siphons and similar works. GIFD permits cannot authorize the In-kind replacement of dams or bridge structures.
- g. New driveways, trails, sidewalks, roads and streets constructed completely at-or-below existing grade.
- h. Armoring, stabilizing, securing, or in-kind replacement of existing infrastructure within the channel banks (such as bridge piers, sewer/utility supports and storm water/sewer drainage outfalls/headwalls) when the dimensions (bank slopes, channel location, channel elevation) of the channel are not altered. This should not involve replacement with larger or additional above ground infrastructure.

#### D. Corrective procedures

1. Violations to be corrected. When the Floodplain Administrator finds violations of applicable State and local laws, it shall be his or her duty to notify the owner or occupant of the building of the violation. The owner or occupant shall immediately remedy each of the violations of law cited in such notification.

2. Actions in Even of Failure to Take Corrective Action If the owner of a building or property shall fail to take prompt corrective action, the Floodplain Administrator shall give the owner written notice, by certified or registered mail to the owner's last known address or by personal service, stating:

- a. That the building or property is in violation of the floodplain management regulations;
- b. That a hearing will be held before the Floodplain Administrator at a designated place and time, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the notice, at which time the owner shall be entitled to be heard in person or by counsel and to present arguments and evidence pertaining to the matter; and
- c. That following the hearing, the Floodplain administrator may issue an order to alter, vacate, or demolish the building; or to remove fill ass applicable.

3. Order to Take Corrective Action. If, upon a hearing held pursuant to the notice prescribed above, the Floodplain Administrator shall find that the building or development is in violation of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, he or she shall issue an order in writing to the owner, requiring the owner to remedy the violation within a specified time period, not less than sixty (60) calendar days, nor more than one-hundred-eighty (180) calendar days. Where a City official finds that there is imminent danger to life or other property, a corrective action may be taken in such lesser period as may be feasible.

4. Appeal. Any owner who has received an order to take corrective action may appeal the order as prescribed by this Title.

5. Failure to Comply with Order. If the owner of a building or property fails to comply with an order to take corrective action for which no appeal has been made or fails to comply with an order following an appeal, the owner shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### E. Variance Procedures

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission as established by Garden City, hereinafter referred to as the "appeal board", shall hear and decide requests for variances from the requirements of this Article.

2. Variances may be issued for:

- a. The repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon the determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and that the variance is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure;

- b. Functionally Dependent Use facilities, provided such facilities are protected by methods that minimize flood damages during the base flood and create no additional threats to public safety; or
  - c. Any other type of development provided it meets the requirements of this section.
3. In passing upon variances, the appeal board shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all standards specified in other sections of this Article, and:
- a. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others;
  - b. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;
  - c. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;
  - d. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community
  - e. The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location as defined under 8-3B-2 of this Title as a functionally dependent use facility, where applicable;
  - f. The availability of alternative locations, not subject to flooding or erosion damage, for the proposed use;
  - g. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
  - h. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area;
  - i. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
  - j. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters and effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site; and
  - k. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as a sewer, gas, electrical and water systems, and streets and bridges.
4. The applicant shall include a written report addressing each of the above considerations, with their application for a variance.
5. Upon consideration of the factors listed above and purposes of this Article, the appeal board may attach such conditions to the granting of variances as it deems necessary to further the purposes and objectives of this Article.

6. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice over the signature of the community official specifying the difference between the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and the elevation to which the structure is to be built and that such construction below the BFE increases risks to life and property, and that the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the BFE will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to \$25 per \$100 of insurance coverage, and that such construction below the base flood elevation increases risks to life and property. Such notification shall be maintained with a record of all variance actions, including justification for their issuance.

7. The Floodplain Administrator shall maintain the records of all appeal actions and report any variances to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Idaho upon request.

8. Conditions for Variances

- a. Variances shall not be issued when the variance will make the structure in violation of other Federal, State, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances.
- b. Variance shall not be issued within any designated floodway if the variance would result in any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge.
- c. Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
- d. Variances shall only be issued prior to development permit approval.
- e. Variances shall only be issued upon
  - i. a showing of good and sufficient cause; and
  - ii. a determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship; and
  - iii. a determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extraordinary public expense, create nuisance, cause fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances

9. A variance may be issued for solid waste disposal facilities or sites, hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities that are located in Special Flood Hazard Areas provided that all of the following conditions are met.

- a. The use serves a critical need in the community.
- b. No feasible location exists for the use outside the Special Flood Hazard Area.

e. The lowest floor of any structure is elevated, or flood proofed to at least the Flood Protection Elevation.

d. The use complies with all other applicable Federal, State and Local laws.

10. The City of Garden City will notify the State NFIP Coordinator of the Idaho Department of Water Resources of its intention to grant a variance at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to granting the variance.

11. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the appeal board may appeal such decision to the Court, as provided in Idaho Code 67-6535.

### **8-4H-5 PROVISIONS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION**

#### **A. General Standards**

In all Special Flood Hazard Areas, the following provisions are required:

1. All new construction, substantial improvements, and development shall be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, and lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads including the effects of buoyancy.

2. All new construction, substantial improvements, and development shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage in accordance with technical bulletins available from FEMA related to Flood Damage-Resistant Materials Requirements.

3. All new construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages.

4. All new and replacement electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air condition, equipment, and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding to the Flood Protection Elevation. These include, but are not limited to, HVAC equipment, water softener units, bath/kitchen fixtures, ductwork, electric/gas meter panels/boxes, utility/ cable boxes, hot water heaters, and electric outlets/switches.

5. All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the system.

6. All new and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems and discharges from the systems into floodwaters.

7. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.

8. A fully enclosed area, of new construction and substantially improved structures, which is below the lowest floor be used solely for parking, access or storage and shall:

- a. Be constructed entirely of flood resistant materials at least to the Flood Protection Elevation; and
- b. Include, in Zones A, AE, AH, and AO, flood openings to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. To meet this requirement, the openings must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect or meet or exceed the following minimum design criteria
  - i. A minimum of two flood openings on different sides of each enclosed area subject to flooding;
  - ii. The total net area of all flood openings must be at least one (1) square inch for each square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding;
  - iii. If a building has more than one enclosed area, each enclosed area must have flood openings to allow floodwaters to automatically enter and exit;
  - iv. The bottom of all required flood openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above the interior or exterior adjacent grade;
  - v. Flood openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices, provide they permit the automatic flow of floodwaters in both directions; and
  - vi. Enclosures made of flexible skirting are not considered enclosures for regulatory purpose, and, therefore, do not require flood openings. Masonry or wood underpinning, regardless of structural status, is considered an enclosure and requires flood openings as outlined above.

9. Any alteration, repair, reconstruction, or improvements to a structure, which is compliance with the provisions of this Article, shall meet the provisions of “new construction” as contained in this ordinance.

10. Nothing in this Article shall prevent the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of a building or structure existing on the effective date of this Article and located totally or partially within the floodway or stream setback, provided there is no additional encroachment below the Flood Protection Elevation in the floodway, or stream setback, and provided that such repair, reconstruction, or replacement meets all of the other requirements of this Article.

11. Nothing in this Article is intended to limit the continuing existence of lawful Nonconforming Property, Uses, or Structures, provided that all of the provisions set forth in Chapter 1, Article B of this Title are complied with and any permissible modifications to such lawful non-conforming uses or structures does not result in additional encroachment into the floodway.

12. New solid waste disposal facilities and sites, hazardous waste management facilities, salvage yards, and chemical storage facilities shall not be permitted, except by variance as specified in this Article. A structure or tank for chemical or fuel storage incidental to an allowed use or to the operation of a water treatment plant or wastewater treatment facility may be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area only if the structure or tank is either elevated or flood proofed to at least the Flood Protection Elevation and certified in accordance with the provision of this Article.

13. All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and determined to be reasonably safe from flooding.

14. All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.

15. All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

16. All subdivision proposals and other development proposals shall be received all necessary permits from those governmental agencies for which approval is required by Federal or State law, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 USC 1334.

17. All subdivision proposals and other development proposals greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, shall include within such proposals base flood elevation data.

18. When a structure is partially located in a Special Flood Hazard Area, the entire structure shall meet the requirements for new construction and substantial improvements.

19. When a structure is located in multiple flood hazard zones or in a flood hazard risk zone with multiple base flood elevations, the provisions for the more restrictive flood hazard risk zone and the highest Base Flood Elevation (BFE) shall apply.

## B. Specific Standards

In all Special Flood Hazard Areas where Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data has been provided as set for in this Article, the following provisions, in addition to provisions of 8-3B-5 (A), are required:

1. Residential Construction. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure (including manufacture homes) shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated no lower than the (2') two- feet minimum above the BFE.
2. Non-Residential Construction.
  - a. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other non-residential structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated no lower than the Flood Protection Elevation, as defined in this Article.
  - b. Structures located in Zones A, AE, AH, AO, and A1-30 may be flood proofed to the Flood Protection Elevation in lieu of elevation provided that all areas of the structure, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, below the Flood Protection Elevation are watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water, using structural components having the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effect of buoyancy.
  - c. A registered professional engineer or architect shall certify that the flood proofing standards of this subsection are satisfied. Such certification shall be provided to the Floodplain Administrator as set forth in this Article, along with the operation plan and inspection and maintenance plan.
3. Manufactured Homes.
  - a. New and replacement manufactured homes shall be elevated so that the reference level of the manufactured home is no lower than (2') two feet minimum above the BFE.
  - b. New and replacement manufactured homes shall be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement, either by certified engineered foundation system, or in accordance with the most current edition of the Idaho Division of Building Safety's "Idaho Manufactured Home installation Standard" in accordance with Idaho Code § 44-2201(2), or as amended. Additionally, when the elevation would be met by an elevation of the chassis thirty-six (36) inches or less above the grade at the site, the chassis shall be supported by reinforced piers or engineered foundation. When the elevation of the chassis is above thirty-six (36) inches in height, an engineering certification is required.
  - c. All enclosures skirting below the lowest floor shall meet the requirements of 8-4H-5 (A) (8).
  - d. An evacuation plan must be developed for evacuation of all residents of all new substantially improved or substantially damaged manufactured home parks or subdivisions located within flood prone areas. This plan shall be filed with and approved by the Floodplain Administrator and the local emergency Management Coordinator.

#### 4. Critical Facilities

- a. Construction of new critical facilities shall be, to the extent possible, located outside the limits of the special flood hazard area (SFHA) (100-year floodplain). Construction of new critical facilities shall be permissible within the SFHA if no feasible alternative site is available.
- b. Critical facilities constructed within the SFHA shall have the lowest floor elevated three feet (3') above BFE of the flood of one hundred year frequency or to 1' above BFE of the five hundred year flood frequency, whichever is higher.
- c. Access routes elevated to or above the level of the base flood elevation shall be provided to all critical facilities to the extent possible. Access to and from the critical facility should also be protected to the height utilized above.
- d. Flood proofing and sealing measures must be taken to ensure that toxic substances will not be displaced by or released into floodwaters.
- e. The maps that shall be utilized to determine the BFE for critical facilities are the FIS maps utilized for the creation of the 2020 FIRMS, adopted by Resolution 1083-20.

#### 5. Additions/Improvements

- a. When an addition and/or improvements to a pre-FIRM structure, in combination with any interior modifications to the existing structure, are
  - i. not a substantial improvement, but still requires a floodplain development permit, the addition and/or improvements must be designed to minimize flood damages and must not be any more nonconforming than the existing structure; or
  - ii. a substantial improvement, both the existing structure and the addition and/or improvements must comply with the standards for new construction.
- b. When an addition to a post-FIRM structure is a substantial improvement with no modifications to the existing structure, other than a standard door in the common wall, only the addition must comply with the standards for new construction.
- c. When an addition and/or improvements to a post-FIRM structure, in combination with any interior modifications to the existing structure, are:
  - i. not a substantial improvement, but still requires a floodplain development permit, only the addition and/or improvements must comply with the standards for new construction; or
  - ii. a substantial improvement, both the existing structure and the addition and/or improvements must comply with the standards for new construction.

- d. Any combination of repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or improvement of a building or structure taking place during a five (5) year period, the cumulative cost of which equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the market value of the structure before the improvement or repair is started, must comply with the standards for new construction. For each building or structure, the five (5) year period begins on the date of the first improvement or repair of that building or structure subsequent to the effective date of this Article. If the structure has sustained substantial damage, any repairs are considered substantial improvement regardless of the actual repair work performed. The requirement does not, however, include either:
  - i. any project for improvement of a building required to correct existing health, sanitary, or safety code violations identified by the building official and that are the minimum necessary to assume safe living conditions; or
  - ii. any alteration of a historic structure provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure.

6. Recreational Vehicles. Recreational vehicles shall be either:

- a. Temporary Placement: be on site for fewer than 180 consecutive days and be fully licensed and ready for highway use (a recreational vehicle is ready for highway use if it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities, and has no permanently attached additions); or
- b. Permanent Placement: Recreational vehicles that do not meet the limitations of Temporary Placement shall meet all the requirements for new construction, as set forth in 8-3B-5(A).

7. Temporary Non-Residential Structures: Prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit for a temporary structure, the applicant must submit to the Floodplain Administrator a plan for the removal of such structure(s) in the event of a flash flood or other type of flood warning notification. The following information shall be submitted in writing to the Floodplain Administrator for review and written approval:

- a. a specified time period for which the temporary use will be permitted. Time specified may not exceed six (6) months, renewable up to one (1) year;
- b. the name, address, and phone number of the individual responsible for the removal of the temporary structure;
- c. the time frame prior to the event at which a structure will be removed (i.e., immediately upon flood warning notification);

- d. a copy of the contract or other suitable instrument with the entity responsible for physical removal of the structure; and
- e. designation, accompanied by documentation, of a location outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, to which the temporary structure will be moved.

8. Accessory Structures: When accessory structures (sheds, detached garages, etc.) are to be placed within a Special Flood Hazard Area, elevation or flood proofing certifications are required for all accessory structures in accordance with 8-4H-4(C)(3), and the following criteria shall also be met:

- a. Accessory structures shall not be used for human habitation (including working, sleeping, living, cooking, or restroom areas);
- b. Shall be used solely for parking or storage;
- c. Accessory structures shall not be temperature-controlled;
- d. Accessory structures shall be designed to have low flood damage potential;
- e. Accessory structures shall be constructed and placed on the building site so as to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;
- f. Accessory structures shall be firmly anchored in accordance with the provisions of this Article;
- g. All service facilities, such as electrical, shall be installed in accordance with the provisions of this Article; and
- h. Flood openings to facilitate automatic equalization of hydrostatic flood forces shall be provided below Flood Protection Elevation in conformance with the provisions of this Article.
- i. An accessory structure with a footprint less than 200 square feet and is a minimal investment of \$7,500 or less and satisfies the criteria outlined in a - g above is not required to meet the elevation or flood proofing standards of this Article.

9. Tanks: When gas and liquid storage tanks are to be placed within a Special Flood Hazard Area, the following criteria shall be met:

- a. Underground tanks in flood hazard areas shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads during conditions of the base flood, including the effects of buoyancy (assuming the tank is empty);

- b. Elevated above-ground tanks, in flood hazard areas shall be attached to, and elevated to or above the design flood elevation on a supporting structure that is designed to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement during conditions of the base flood. Tank-supporting structures shall meet the foundation requirements of the applicable flood hazard area;
  - c. Not elevated above-ground tanks, that do not meet the elevation requirements of 8-4H-5(B)(2) of this Article shall be permitted in flood hazard areas provided the tanks are anchored or otherwise designed and constructed to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads during conditions of the design flood, including the effects of buoyancy assuming the tank is empty and the effects of flood-borne debris.
  - d. Tank inlets, fill openings, outlets and vents shall be:
    - i. At or above the flood protection elevation or fitted with covers designed to prevent the inflow of floodwater or outflow of the contents of the tanks during conditions of the base flood; and
    - ii. Anchored to prevent lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, during conditions of the base flood.
10. Construction of Below-Grade Crawlspace:
- a. The crawlspace is considered the lowest floor and shall be required to meet the flood protection elevation.
  - b. Flood vents that are compliant with this Article are required.
  - c. The interior grade of a crawlspace must not be below the BFE and must not be more than two (2) feet below the exterior lowest adjacent grade (LAG).
  - d. The height of the below-grade crawlspace, measured from the interior grade of the crawlspace to the top of the crawlspace foundation wall, must not exceed four (4) feet at any point.
  - e. There must be an adequate drainage system that removes floodwaters from the interior area of the crawlspace. The enclosed area should be drained within a reasonable time after a flood event.
  - f. The velocity of floodwaters at the site should not exceed five (5) feet per second for any crawlspace.
11. Subdivision plats:
- a. A note must be provided on the final plat documenting:

- i. The current flood zone in which the property or properties are located;
  - ii. FEMA FIRM panel(s), FIRM effective date(s), Flood Zone(s), Base Flood Elevation(s); and
  - iii. Flood Zones are subject to change by FEMA & all land within a floodway or floodplain is regulated by Garden City Code.
- a. The boundary line must be drawn on the plat in situations where two or more flood zones intersect over the property or properties being surveyed
  - b. The 70' setback line from the ordinary high water mark shall be depicted on the plat if any section of the plat is within 70' of the ordinary high water mark.

### C. Standards for Floodways

Areas designated as floodways within the Special Flood Hazard Areas established in this Article. The floodways areas are extremely hazardous areas due to the velocity of floodwaters that have erosion potential and carry debris and potential projectiles. The following provisions, in addition to standards outlined in 8-4H-5(A) and (B), shall apply to all development within such areas:

- 1. No encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other developments shall be permitted unless:
  - a. it is demonstrated that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in the flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood, based on hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice prior to issuance of floodplain development permit; or
  - b. a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) has been approved by FEMA. A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) must also be obtained within six months of completion of the proposed encroachment.
- 2. If 8-4H-5 (C)(1) is satisfied, all development shall comply with all applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of this Article.
- 3. Other Development in regulated floodways.
  - a. Fences that have the potential to block the passage of floodwaters, such as stockade fences and wire mesh fences, in regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of standards for floodways found in this Article.

- b. Retaining walls, bulkheads, sidewalks, and driveways that involve the placement of fill in regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of standards for floodways found in this Article.
- c. Roads and watercourse crossings, including roads, bridges, culverts, low-water crossings, and similar means for vehicles or pedestrians to travel from one side of a watercourse to the other side, which encroach into regulated floodways, shall meet the limitations of standards for floodways found in this Article.
- d. Drilling water, oil, and/or gas wells including fuel storage tanks, apparatus, and any equipment at the site that encroach into regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of standards for floodways found in this Article.
- e. Docks, piers, boat ramps, marinas, moorings, decks, docking facilities, port facilities, shipbuilding, and ship repair facilities that encroach into regulated floodways shall meet the limitations of standards for floodways found in this Article.

#### **8-4H-5-6: RIPARIAN ZONE**

The riparian zone is to be left natural. Uses within the riparian zone shall be restricted to those which are required by public necessity (for example, bridges or water pumps), for public recreation (for example, the greenbelt), and wildlife habitat improvements (for example, vegetation, nesting structures); provided that the use/encroachment meets the approval of the federal emergency management agency and national flood insurance program and does not jeopardize the city's participation in the national flood insurance program.

- A. Improved access to the Boise River shall be prohibited in all areas that are not approved through a conditional use permit with approval of city council or otherwise designated by the City Council; and
- B. Approved accesses to the Boise River must be designed in such a way so as to not destabilize the banks of the river.
  - 1. No use of restricted use chemicals or soil sterilant will be allowed within the riparian area.
  - 2. No use of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers will be allowed unless approved by regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over the Boise River.
  - 3. All applications of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers shall be done by a licensed applicator and applied at minimum application rates and shall be limited to two (2) times a calendar year unless otherwise approved.
  - 4. The application of dormant oil sprays and insecticidal soap within the riparian zone may be used throughout the growing season as needed.

C. No person shall damage, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds, of any tree or plant. Nor shall any person attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the riparian zone without an approved permit. Minor pruning above the ordinary high water mark that does not remove, damage or otherwise harm any plant, habitat or cause bank destabilization is allowed without a permit.

D. A permit may be granted for:

1. Removal of downed trees or trees identified by the city arborist to pose a danger to life, limb or property may be removed.
2. Replacement of nonnative plants with native plants to provide habitat or bank stabilization.

**SECTION 20:**

**A. Effect on Rights and Liabilities under the Existing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance**

This Article, in part, comes forward by re-enactment of some of the provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance enacted April 21, 1978 as amended, and it is not the intention to repeal but rather to re-enact and continue to enforce without interruption of such existing provisions, so that all rights and liabilities that have accrued thereunder are reserved and may be enforced. The enactment of this Article shall not affect any action, suit, or proceeding instituted or pending. All provisions of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance of City of Garden City enacted on April 21, 1978, as amended, which are not reenacted herein are repealed.

**B. Effect upon Outstanding Floodplain Development Permits**

Nothing herein contained shall require any change in the plans, construction, size, or designated use of any development or any part thereof for which a Floodplain Development Permit has been granted by the Floodplain Administrator or his or her authorized agents before the time of passage of this Article. Provided, however, that when construction is not begun under such outstanding permit within a period of 180 days after the date of issuance of the outstanding permit, construction or use shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Article.

**SECTION 21:** The ordinance is hereby declared to be severable. Should any portion of this Article be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect and shall be read to carry out the purpose(s) of the Article before the declaration of partial invalidity.

**SECTION 22.** All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

**SECTION 23.** The fact that some provisions of the official municipal code for the City of Garden City have been deliberately eliminated by the governing body shall not serve to cause any interruption in the continuous effectiveness of ordinances included in said official Code. All other ordinances shall continue in full force and effect unless specifically repealed or amended.

**SECTION 24.** If any provision or section of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision or section shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions or sections of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 25.** That the Summary of the Ordinance, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved as to both form and content.

**SECTION 26:** This Article shall be in full force and effect upon passage, approval, and publication.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Garden City, Idaho, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

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John G. Evans

MAYOR

EXHIBIT "A"

**STATEMENT OF GARDEN CITY ATTORNEY  
AS TO ADEQUACY OF SUMMARY  
OF ORDINANCE NO. 1016-20**

The undersigned, Charles I. Wadams, in his capacity as City Attorney of the City of Garden City, Idaho, hereby certifies that he is the legal advisor of the City and has reviewed a copy of the attached Summary of Ordinance No. 1016 -20 of the City of Garden City, Idaho, and has found the same to be true and complete and provides adequate notice to the public pursuant to Idaho Code § 50-901A(3).

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Charles I. Wadams  
City Attorney

**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1016-20  
OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, IDAHO**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Garden City, Idaho, adopted at its regular meeting of June 8, 2020, that Ordinance No. 1016-20 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, AMENDING OR REPEALING GARDEN CITY CODE TITLE 8 ("DEVELOPMENT CODE"), CHAPTER 1 ("GENERAL REGULATIONS"), ARTICLE B ("EXISTING NONCONFORMING PROPERTIES, STRUCTURES, AND USES"), SECTION 2 ("NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES"), SUBSECTION C, AND CHAPTER 3 ("OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS"), ARTICLE A ("GENERAL PROVISIONS"), SECTIONS 1 ("ZONING DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED") , AND 3 ("ALLOWED USES"), AND ARTICLE B ("FLOOD HAZARD"), AND CHAPTER 4 ("DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS"), ARTICLE J ("MANUFACTURED AND MOBILE HOME PROVISIONS"), SECTION 5 ("ADDITIONAL STANDARDS FOR MANUFACTURED HOMES IN MOBILE HOME PARKS"), SUBSECTION O ("HOMES WITHIN THE ONE HUNDRED YEAR FLOODPLAIN"), AND CHAPTER 5 ("LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS"), ARTICLES A ("GENERAL PROVISIONS AND STANDARDS"), SECTION 4 ("GENERAL STANDARDS"), SUBSECTION A ("TABLE 8-5A-1 STANDARDS AND CODE SECTION PROVISIONS") AND C ("SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROVISIONS"), SECTION 4 ("SUBDIVISIONS LOCATED WITHIN A FLOODPLAIN"), SUBSECTION B ("STANDARDS"), CHAPTER 6 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE A ("GENERAL PROVISIONS"), SECTION 14 ("PENALTIES"), SUBSECTION D ("MISDEMEANORS"); CHAPTER 7 ("REFERENCES"), ARTICLE A ("DEFINITIONS"), SECTION 2 ("DEFINITIONS OF TERMS"); AND REPEALING 2002 ORDINANCE 795 AND PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE 898-08; AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO TITLE 8 (DEVELOPMENT CODE),**

**CHAPTER 4 (DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS) THAT IS ARTICLE H (FLOOD HAZARD), WHICH IS AN UPDATED FLOOD HAZARD ARTICLE THAT ADOPTS REVISED FLOODPLAIN MAPS, MODIFIES DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE FLOODPLAIN, AND ADDS OR UPDATES PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL CODE ARE STILL IN EFFECT NOTWITHSTANDING SOME PROVISIONS THEREOF BEING ELIMINATED; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; APPROVING A SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Per FEMA Requirements, Garden City must adopt the revised FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) by June 20, 2020. It has also been identified by FEMA that there are certain deficiencies in Garden City Flood Hazard Ordinance related to definitions and lack of variance procedure specific to the flood hazard regulations. This ordinance updates Garden City's flood hazard regulations and FIRMs. Updates to the code utilize the State of Idaho's model ordinance as provided by Idaho Department of Water Resources Floodplain Administrator and include updates that provide conformance with FEMA's requirements. Finally, the ordinance will be relocated from being an overlay to be a standard development regulation.

The effective date of the ordinance is from and after the date of its passage, approval, and publication. A copy of the full text of the ordinance is available at the city clerk's office, 6015 N. Glenwood Street, Garden City, Idaho 83714. Examination may be requested in writing or in person during regular business hours of the city clerk's office, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., pursuant to Section 50-901A (4), Idaho Code.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ATTEST:

CITY OF GARDEN CITY, IDAHO:

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Lisa M. Leiby, City Clerk

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John G. Evans, Mayor