



*Democrat-Gazette* and public comments were received and addressed by FEMA and Public Works Staff through the course of a lengthy public participation process. Staff has held numerous meetings with property owners, representatives of property owners, developers, and engineers regarding the new Floodplain Management Ordinance and FIRM revisions since the process began in 2015.

Prior to the effective date, FEMA requires each partnering community to adopt the preliminary FIRMs and adopt the latest FEMA prepared Floodplain Management Ordinance language.

The citizens have been provided several public comment periods on the proposed FIRMs and all comments have been appropriately addressed by staff and FEMA. A comparison of the new FEMA Insurance Rate Maps to the current maps show the following:

- 1,052 structures are within the floodplain area of Rock Creek, Grassy Flat Creek, and the State Capitol Drain.
- The new maps added 120 structures to the floodplain area that were not previously shown in the floodplain.
- The new maps removed 374 structures from the floodplain that were previously shown in the floodplain area.

The new maps can be viewed at the FEMA web site at this web address: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home> .

This proposed ordinance language adopts the latest Flood Insurance Study and FIRMs dated June 7, 2019, to be administered as the official FIRMs of the City of Little Rock.