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§ 24-301 In General.

The identified floodplain area shall be those areas of the Borough which are subject to the one hundred (100) year flood, as identified in the Flood Insurance Study (“FIS”) effective November 7, 2001 and the accompanying maps prepared for the Borough by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), or the most recent revision thereof.

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§ 24-302 Description of Floodplain Areas.

The identified floodplain area shall consist of the following specific areas:

(a) **FW—Floodway Area.** The FW—Floodway Area consists of the areas identified as “Floodway” in the AE Zone in the FIS. The term shall also include floodway areas which have been identified in other available studies or sources of information for those floodplain areas where no floodway has been identified in the FIS.

(b) **FF—Flood-Fringe Area.** The FF—Flood-Fringe Area consists of the remaining portions of the one hundred (100) year floodplain outside of the floodway, in those areas identified as an AE Zone in the FIS, where a floodway has been delineated. The basis for the outermost boundary of this area shall be the one hundred (100) year flood elevations as shown in the flood profiles contained in the FIS.

(c) **FE—Special Floodplain Area.** The FE—Special Floodplain Area consists of the areas identified as Zone AE in the FIS, where one hundred (100) year flood elevations have been provided, but no floodway has been delineated.

(d) **FA—General Floodplain Area.** The FA—General Floodplain Area consists of the areas identified as Zone A in the FIS for which no one hundred (100) year flood elevations have been provided. When available, information from other federal, state, and other acceptable sources shall be used to determine the one hundred (100) year elevation, as well as a floodway area, if possible. When no other information is available, the one hundred (100) year elevation

shall be determined by using a point on the boundary of the identified floodplain area which is nearest the construction site in question. In lieu of the above, the Borough may require the applicant to determine the elevation with hydrologic and hydraulic engineering techniques. Hydrologic and hydraulic analyses shall be undertaken only by professional engineers or others of demonstrated qualifications, who shall certify that the technical methods used correctly reflect currently accepted technical concepts. Studies, analyses, computations, etc., shall be submitted in sufficient detail to allow a thorough technical review by the Borough.

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§ 24-303 Changes in Identification of Area.

The identified floodplain area may be revised or modified by Council where studies or information provided by a qualified agency or person documents the need for such revision. However, prior to any such change, approval must be obtained from the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA).

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§ 24-304 Boundary Disputes.

Should a dispute concerning any identified floodplain boundary arise, an initial determination shall be made by the Alburtis Planning Commission, and any party aggrieved by this decision or determination may appeal to the Board. The burden of proof shall be on the appellant.

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