

# City of Hobbs

## Flood Hazard Awareness

### Floodplain Development Regulations:

- The Hobbs Floodplain Management Ordinance regulates development in floodplains to minimize flood losses.
- Contact Building Inspections for a permit and the Engineering Dept for guidance if work is to be performed in flood hazard area.

### Substantial Improvement/Damage:

- Any structure located in a floodplain that is being reconstructed, added on to, or restored from damage, for which the cost exceeds 50% of the market value of the structure, must meet the current floodplain development regulations.

### Drainage System Maintenance:

- Residents can help the drainage system work by not dumping or depositing material in any street, alley, park, etc (Ordinance 8.36.130).
- Remember, the property you flood may be your own.
- Contact the Engineering Dept. if you see dumping or depositing.

### Additional Information:

- The Engineering Dept. can help you determine if your property or a property you would like to purchase is in the floodplain.
- The Hobbs GIS map with the floodplain is available online at: [www.hobbsnmgis.com/publicmap/](http://www.hobbsnmgis.com/publicmap/)
- If a property has an elevation certificate on file, a copy may be obtained free of charge from the Engineering Dept. or the Engineering website.
- The Engineering Dept. can provide information on flood proofing techniques.
- Services are available to the public, homeowners, realtors, mortgage companies, appraisers and insurance agents.
- Visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for more information



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*Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future.*



*\* Learn \* Prepare \* Insure  
TODAY!*

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### Local Flood Hazard:

- Major floods have occurred in Hobbs on several occasions. In '92 rainfall ranging from 3"- 7" fell in a 24 hour period causing significant damage
- Storms that produce flooding in the Hobbs area generally occur in the months from May-October.
- These storms often occur as intense thunderstorms that appear after long dry periods.
- Flooding that does occur is often sheet flow with depths of 1' - 3'.

### Flood Safety:

- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Be alert for gas leaks
- Do not walk through flowing water.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.



### Flood Insurance:

- Most homeowners insurance does not cover flood damage.
- Flood insurance is required if a home located in a SFHA has a federally backed mortgage; but flood insurance may be purchased by any homeowner located in Hobbs.
- Check with your local insurance provider for information regarding flood insurance for your home and its contents.

There is a 30-day waiting period on new flood insurance policies.

### Property Protection Measures:

- Consider retrofitting measures to protect your existing building from flooding.
- FEMA Publication 312 *Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your Home from Flooding*

[www.fema.gov/library](http://www.fema.gov/library)

### **Natural and Beneficial Functions:**

- Floodplains, in their natural state, are lower lying areas that provide flood storage and conveyance.
- It is important to preserve or return the floodplain to the natural state.



### Flood Warning System:

- The National Weather Service will issue severe weather alerts.
- Local warning system sirens will sound in the event of a flood.
- Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio or the following local radio or TV stations for severe weather watches and warnings: KZOR 94.1FM, KPER 95.7FM, KLMA 96.5FM, KYKK 100.5FM, KEJL 100.9FM. KIXN 102.9FM.