



## Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO TITLE IV OF THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES (THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE) TO BRING THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut (the "State") requires that local municipalities adopt regulations to prevent flood damage and promote public safety and the general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen, on May 28, 1980 amended the Building Code of the City of New Haven (the "City") to add Title IV, which consisted of the establishment of Regulations relating to Flood Damage Prevention, and subsequently amended said Regulations on May 16, 1983 to comply with the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the State enacted a Uniform Building Code which superseded the City's Building Code, and the Board of Aldermen on March 4, 1991 deleted Title IV of Volume III of the Code of Ordinances (the "City's Building Code") and substituted in its place the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the City is required by the State to make periodic amendments to the Ordinance which are necessary to ensure that the Ordinance meets the minimum standards required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP"); and

WHEREAS, failure to update the Ordinance to comply with NFIP standards may result in FEMA sanctions, including suspension from the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the Board of Aldermen approved amendments to the Ordinance dated on June 4, 1998, October 4, 2010, and May 28, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the State adopted amendments to the Uniform Building Code in 2018 and 2022, which amendments require updates to the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the New Haven Board of Alders that the Ordinance be amended in the manner shown by the marked Ordinance attached hereto.