

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY  
NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1642 (2019)**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY, CHAPTER 14 ENTITLED "FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PREVENTION" TO PROHIBIT ALTERATION OF EXISTING CHANNELS AND REQUIRE GREEN/SOFT BANK TREATMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, there are methods of reducing flood losses; and

**WHEREAS**, natural floodplains, stream channels and natural protective barriers serve as methods to reduce flood loss; and

**WHEREAS**, the preservation of said natural floodplains, stream channels and natural protective barriers is essential to the reduction of flood losses; and

**WHEREAS**, the prohibition of the alteration of said natural floodplains, stream channels and natural protective barriers is implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of flood barriers which will not unnaturally divert flood waters or will not increase flood hazards in other areas are to be built utilizing "green" approaches; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Sea Isle City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION I.** Chapter 14 Section 1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, entitled "AUTHORITIES; FINDINGS; PURPOSE; METHODS," subsection 1.4, entitled "Methods of Reducing Flood Losses" letter "c" is hereby amended to delete the following section in its entirety and replace same as follows:

**DELETED SECTION:**

**14-1 AUTHORITIES; FINDINGS; PURPOSE; METHODS.**

**14-1.4 Methods of Reducing Flood Losses.**

- c. Controlling the alteration of natural flood plains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;

**REPLACEMENT SECTION:**

**14-1 AUTHORITIES; FINDINGS; PURPOSE; METHODS.**

**14-1.4 Methods of Reducing Flood Losses.**

- c. Prohibiting the alteration of natural flood plains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;

**SECTION II.** Chapter 14 Section 1 of the Revised General Ordinances of the City of Sea Isle City, entitled "AUTHORITIES; FINDINGS; PURPOSE; METHODS," subsection 1.4, entitled "Methods of Reducing Flood Losses" is also hereby amended to add the following section as follows:

**ADDED SECTION:**

**14-1 AUTHORITIES; FINDINGS; PURPOSE; METHODS.**

**14-1.4 Methods of Reducing Flood Losses.**

- f. The use of green techniques is recommended for all construction of flood barriers, unless such techniques are not feasible.

**SECTION IV.** Severability. If for any reason any section of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining section of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding.

**SECTION V.** Repealer. Any Ordinance or provision thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION VI.** Publication. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

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J. B. Feeley, Council President

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Mayor Leonard C. Desiderio

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** the foregoing ordinance was duly passed by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, New Jersey on first reading at the regular meeting of said Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019 and was taken up for second reading, public hearing and final passage at the regular meeting of said Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, in City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Chambers, 233 JFK Blvd., Sea Isle City, New Jersey at 10:00 a.m.

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Shannon D. Romano, Municipal Clerk