


BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 118-2019

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 
Date: July 19, 2019
Subject: **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIC)**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to provide an update regarding the results of the recent site visit by the NFIP.

On April 21 through 26, 2019, the Village participated in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) State Coordinating Office Regional Engagement (SCORE) CAV Region Meetings. The purpose of these meetings with community officials is to discuss floodplain management practices, issues, and solutions. Using a three-tier approach, the State Floodplain Management Office (SFMO) conducted floodplain tours of our community sometime in March of 2019, hosted a 6 six-hour plenary session with community officials and met one-on-one with the Village Building Official and our Village Attorney to discuss compliance matters.

The NFIP purpose is to reduce the impact of flooding on private and public facilities and structures. It aims to provide affordable flood insurance to property owners, renters, and businesses and encouraging communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations. These efforts help to mitigate the effects of flooding on new and renovated buildings and structures. The NFIP promotes the purchase and retention of flood insurance. The cost of insurance in each community is made available at a lower cost if the community participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) and in the long standing NFIP Community Assistant Visits which this year were replaced by the three-tiered approach described above.

As part of the CRS and NFIP, the Village Building Official enforces our current floodplain management ordinance and Florida Building Code as it relates to flood plain management. The Village submits on a yearly basis its recertification documentation to CRS. At this time, the Building Official and Village Attorney are working on adopting the new FEMA Flood Plain Management Ordinance in order to bring the Village's floodplain practices and FBC requirements up to date.

Although the new Floodplain Ordinance has not been brought before Village Council as yet, the Building Official enforces floodplain management practices as per Chapter 16 of the FBC. This in part has led to a successful plenary session with the State NFIP Floodplain Managers and the State Emergency Management Division.

Please see attached report from the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management NFIP State Coordinator and Floodplain Manager that states that the Village has been found to be in compliance with implementing its floodplain management program and is in compliance with the NFIP.



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June 27, 2019

Mr. Jorge Gonzalez, Village Manager
Village of Bal Harbour
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RE: Transmittal & Closure of NFIP Community Assistance Visit (CAV) Report

Dear Mr. Gonzalez,

Thank you for your Village's participation in the NFIP State Coordinating Office Regional Engagement (SCORE) CAV region meetings, held April 21 through April 26, to discuss floodplain management practices, issues, and solutions. Using a three-tiered approach, the SFMO conducted floodplain tours of each community, hosted a six-hour plenary session, and met one-on-one with staff from each community to discuss the communities' floodplain management programs and compliance matters.

The State Floodplain Management Office staff finds that the Village of Bal Harbour work in successfully implementing its floodplain management program is compliant with the requirements of the NFIP. Therefore, the SFMO is pleased to transmit and close the attached CAV report and by copy of this letter advises FEMA that the Village has a compliant floodplain management program and is eligible to continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System.

Should you have any questions regarding the Community Assistance Visit or report, please contact me or Shannon Riess at (850) 815-4513 or by email at Shannon.Riess@em.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Martin".

Steve Martin, CFM
NFIP State Coordinator and Floodplain Manager
Bureau of Mitigation

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Attachment

cc w/attach: Grace Escalante, Building Official, Village of Bal Harbour
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