



## MEMORANDUM

TOWN OF PONCE INLET, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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### Building Division

**TO:** Aref Joulani, Director, Planning and Development

**COPY:** Jeaneen Clauss, Town Manager

**FROM:** Adrian Marks, Chief Building Official & Floodplain Manager

**DATE:** August 26, 2011

**RE:** Status of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

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I received an update from Christopher Moss P. E. with Taylor Engineering, Inc. Taylor Engineering is the contractor working with FEMA to develop and implement the new FIRM maps. I have condensed the information into the main points and time frame.

#### Next steps:

1. The contractor and FEMA must publish the proposed BFE's online and in the Federal Register. The BFE information to be published in the Federal Register was approved by FEMA on July 25, 2011. The Federal Register has not determined when this information will be published.
2. The contractor must then publish a notice in the local newspaper telling residents where they can review the proposed BFE's. This notice appears twice within ten days.
3. Upon the second newspaper publication, the 90 day appeal process begins. The communities will also receive a letter detailing all of this information.
4. Once all the appeals, if any, are resolved, the appeals period will conclude and a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) will be issued.
5. The LFD sets the effective date as six months for adaption. During this period Ponce Inlet will be revising our local ordinances to adopt the new maps. This will also include a review and approval by the State of Florida Flood Hazard Coordinator.

#### Time frame for all of the above:

Christopher Moss is hopeful the LFD will be March or April 2012. This would result in the effective date of adoption in September or October of 2012.