April 26, 2023

Dear Ponce Inlet Resident:

Every year, flooding causes more property damage in the United States than any other natural disaster. Flooding can happen anywhere, but certain areas are more prone to serious flooding. Due to the Town’s proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Halifax River, it is important that residents are aware of their flood risk and take steps to protect their property from flood damage, which can occur from hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other weather conditions. All residents are encouraged to carry a flood insurance policy, even those outside the mapped floodplain, since standard homeowner’s insurance does not cover flood damage. The Town participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and all property owners within the Town can purchase flood insurance through the NFIP for structures and contents. In addition, the Town participates in the Community Rating System (CRS) program, which provides up to a 25% discount on all NFIP flood insurance policies.

To determine the flood zone for your property, obtain more information about flood insurance to protect your property and its contents, and to obtain information needed to apply for an NFIP flood insurance policy, please contact the Town of Ponce Inlet, Planning & Development Department at 386-236-2185. In addition, contact your insurance professional who will explain your flood insurance requirements and determine whether you are fully insured. Information is also available at www.floodsmart.gov.

For any questions or assistance, please visit the Town’s Building Department at 4300 S. Atlantic Avenue or contact the Building Official Hank Baker at 386-236-2185 or hbaker@ponce-inlet.org

Sincerely,

Mayor Lois Paritsky

The Town of Ponce Inlet staff shall be professional, caring, and fair in delivering community excellence while ensuring Ponce Inlet citizens the greatest value for their dollar.