

To: Tonka Bay City Council
From: Candace Gordon and Tim McClellan (220 Sunrise Avenue)
Re: Request for the City Council to amend the Floodplain Ordinance Section 1040 to allow for Conditional Use Permits for floodproofing measures.

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CITY OF TONKA BAY

Dear Tonka Bay City Council Members,

We are in the process of submitting a proposal for building a new house on our present, non-conforming lot at 220 Sunrise Avenue.

Currently, the City of Tonka Bay does not have a provision in their Floodplain Ordinance to allow for alternative elevation methods, which would require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for floodproofing measures. In order to meet the requirements of the Floodplain ordinance, we are requesting the council to amend the Floodplain Ordinance (Section 1040) to allow for a Conditional Use Permit to be issued.

The reasons for our amendment request are as follows:

1. The amendment would be in the best interest of the city and its citizens as it would not be for one parcel per se, but for future property requests in Tonka Bay.
2. As you are aware, street and property flooding has posed problems in this area along Sunrise Avenue and we have gone through extraordinary measures through our DNR approved "alternative elevation methods", to prevent further flooding problems.
3. Our house plans comply with the existing Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and Department Of Natural Resources (DNR) floodproofing rules and requirements. The plan's proposed floodproofing falls under the Department of Natural Resources Rule: 6120.5800, which states in part that floodproofing or other protective measures may be allowed only upon issuance of a special use permit (CUP) by the local governmental unit.

We appreciate your thought and action on our request for you to amend the Floodplain Ordinance.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Candace Gordon and Tim McClellan. Candace's signature is on the left, and Tim's is on the right. They are connected by a horizontal line.

Candace Gordon and Tim McClellan