

**Ordinance Adopting Chapter 22.17 – Floodplain Ordinance and Repealing Chapter 20.120  
– Floodplain Combining District**

This ordinance would repeal the existing Chapter 20.120 – Floodplain Combining District from the Mendocino County Zoning Code and adopt a new Chapter 22.17 – Floodplain Ordinance in Title 22, Land Usage, of the Mendocino County Code. Currently, separate chapters in the Inland and Coastal Zoning Codes provide County guidelines for development within Federal Emergency Management Agency designated flood plains and floodways. This ordinance creates a new Chapter 22.17 in the County's Land Usage Code, which is intended to serve as the floodplain ordinance for the entirety of Mendocino County. The creation of Chapter 22.17 enables the repeal of Chapter 20.120 from the Inland Zoning Code; formal changes to the Coastal Zoning Code to make it refer to Chapter 22.17 will occur as part of a separate amendment to the County's Local Coastal Program. In addition to the movement of the floodplain ordinance to the Land Usage Code, amendments are proposed to comply with recent changes in federal and state regulations, clarifying provisions related to accessory structures and subdivisions, and adding and clarifying definitions within the ordinance.