



**City of Racine, Wisconsin**  
**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

**CITY OF RACINE PLAN COMMISSION**

<b>AGENDA DATE:</b> October 10, 2018
<b>SUBJECT:</b>  1055-18            Subject: (Direct Referral) Consideration of amendments to the City of Racine Municipal Code Chapter 114, Article VIII Flood Regulation, as mandated by FEMA, in relation to amended flood insurance rate map panels 113 and 226. (PC-18).
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>  Matthew G. Sadowski, Assistant Director/Principal Planner
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b> In compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the City of Racine maintains flood regulations under Sections 114-841 through 114-1002. Revisions to floodplain boundaries have been adopted by FEMA for areas within the Pike River and Root River watersheds which impact floodplain delineations on certain maps panels which the City must adopt. Failure to adopt would disqualify the City's property owners from FEMA's flood insurance program.
<b>BACKGROUND &amp; ANALYSIS:</b>  The flood panels (flood insurance rate maps) are used by lenders and property owners to determine if flood insurance should be required when mortgages are being considered. The floods panels also assist the City and property owners in determining appropriate areas for development, redevelopment, and building and site modification. Accurate flood plain mapping help development avoid flood plain areas or, where development in flood areas is existing or necessary, that proper flood proofing of the structures is put in place.  While impacted map panels contain lands within the City of Racine there are no impacts on lands within the City of Racine.
<b>BUDGETARY IMPACT:</b>  N/A