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### **Ascension Parish to Hold Public Information Session on LOMR**

The Ascension Parish Department of Planning and Development has announced that FEMA has issued a LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) to properties in the Bayou Conway, Bayou Boyle, and Panama Canal basins. These revisions will result in some changes to the FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) and base flood elevations to certain properties in those areas. The new flood maps (FIRMs) will become effective May 15, 2019.

The result of the new FIRMs has changed the designation of over 1,200 addresses from Zone AE to Zone X. However, about 340 parcels of land will be changed from Zone X to Zone AE, which is considered to be a Flood Zone.

In most instances, properties were upgraded from AE flood zones to X flood zones. However, there were some properties that were changed from non-flood to flood zones.

If your property was negatively impacted by these changes, if it was changed from X zone to AE zone for instance, you can purchase flood insurance now at the non-flood rate. Once the changes go into effect, that opportunity ends.

To explain about flood zone map changes, and what property owners can do, Ascension Parish Government will hold a public information session to present information about FEMA flood maps. The information session will be:

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

ASCENSION PARISH GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX  
ROOM 109  
615 EAST WORTHEY ST  
GONZALES, LA 70737

The most recent FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) updated by FEMA for Ascension Parish will go into effect on May 15, 2019. These maps depict the potential for flooding and are the basis for establishing building requirements and flood insurance rates.

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