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Beaufort County Earns Flood Insurance Reclassification in Unincorporated Areas

Beaufort County recently received approval from the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which amends the County's flood insurance rating. The rates in this new classification zone can result in lower costs for flood insurance for residents living in the County's unincorporated areas.

"Beaufort County Council has taken a very proactive approach in helping the County to be safer and more disaster resistant," said Chuck Atkinson, Building Codes Director. "To earn this reclassification, FEMA reviewed a five-year cycle of floodplain management activities implemented by the Beaufort County Building Codes Department. Earning this new flood insurance classification reflects our commitment to reducing risk and increasing public safety and property protection while positioning some homeowners to see a financial benefit."

FEMA estimates the new classification will save Beaufort County taxpayers more than \$1 million. Homeowners wanting to find out if their premiums will be affected should contact their insurance carriers.

To find out more about flood information in Beaufort County, visit www.bcgov.net and go to Building Codes at the Departments tab.

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