CALL TO ORDER
1. Chair Comments Opening Remarks
2. Roll Call Clerk Calls the Roll

OLD BUSINESS
3. Meeting Minutes March 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

NEW BUSINESS
4. Resolution PC 5-11 A Resolution to consider a special use of a Restaurant, Fast Food located at 1234 E. Ash Street
5. Resolution PC 6-11 A proposal to amend the zoning chapter of the codified ordinance to modify code provisions pertaining to the Floodplain District

OTHER BUSINESS
6. Project Updates

ADJOURNMENT
7. Adjournment Adjourn Regular Session
CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M. – Chairman Spoltman called the meeting to order. Mr. Spoltman noted for the record the hearing of each item would be conducted according to a modified Roberts Rules of Order, more specifically as follows:

A. Clerk to State the Agenda Item
B. Staff Comments
C. Applicant/Agent Comments
D. Other Affected Parties Comments
E. Board Member Comments and Questions
F. Board To Take Action On The Item

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Jim Oda, Mark Spoltman, Jean Franz, Mike Taylor, and Brad Bubp
Members Absent: None
Staff Members: Chris Schmiesing, Becky Cool
Attendees: Jim Burkhardt, Jeanie Bates

MEETING MINUTES
Chairman Spoltman asked if there were additions, deletions or corrections to be made to the meeting minutes included in the agenda packet. Mr. Oda made a motion to approve the February 8, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Bubp seconded the motion. Mr. Oda, Aye: Mr. Bubp, Aye: Mrs. Franz, Aye: Mr. Taylor, Aye, and Mr. Spoltman, Aye. A voice vote resulted in a 5 -0 vote in supporting the motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS
1. PC-4-11
A Resolution to consider a special use of a Bed and Breakfast located at 621 Caldwell Street

Mr. Schmiesing stated this is a request for authorization of a Bed and Breakfast use at 621 Caldwell Street. The premise was most recently used as a single-family dwelling unit. The applicant plans to occupy the structure, and eventually have four (4) guest rooms available, 3 upstairs and 1 on the main floor. They anticipate a maximum of 6-8 guests at any one time if all guest rooms are occupied. There is parking in the rear of the property for six vehicles, two in the garage and four others, plus three additional parking spaces out in front on the street. There are no proposed improvements to the exterior of the home. The property is surrounded by residential uses, including single family and multi-family use types.

Public Comment

Jeanie Bates, Broadway, came forward representing the applicant, and explained their plans for the use of the Bed and Breakfast. The applicants intend to reside in the home and it will be their primary residence, said Mrs. Bates
There was discussion on the parking areas and how it would affect the neighbors, and the requirements for the use of a small sign in front of the Bed and Breakfast.

Mrs. Bates explained there is a 42' x 20' cement parking area in the rear of the property plus 2 parking spaces in front. The Bed and Breakfast will be open and assessable to a variety of uses including families coming in to town to attend weddings and funerals that want a quiet close place to stay, stated Mrs. Bates.

Mr. Schmiesing explained the requirements for the use of a sign in front of the Bed and Breakfast.

Mrs. Franz stated the property has been well taken care of and is a beautiful home.

Mr. Oda reminded Planning Commission Board members there has been a Bed and Breakfast previously located within a block of this location, and he feels this will fit well in the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Mr. Oda to approve the special use, and Mr. Bubp seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote, Mr. Oda, Aye; Mr. Bubp, Aye; Mr. Taylor, Aye; Mrs. Franz, Aye; and Mr. Spoltman, Aye. Nay: None. A voice vote resulted in a 5-0 vote to approve the special use.

Public Comment

Jim Burkhardt, Westview Drive, came forward stating he was in Washington D.C. recently attending a YMCA sponsored program on Childhood Obesity along with about a dozen other community members from Miami County. The focus was on two areas, quality of food in the school lunch programs, and to improve the ability to get around and have access to areas for walking and biking for exercise in the community.

Mr. Oda stated the YWCA, YMCA, and the Library are all located in the downtown area and are more assessable from the bike path, which is a great idea. The schools are becoming a little more assessable with new sidewalks being installed when streets are being redone, and Piqua is becoming a more walkable community more than some of the other surrounding communities, said Mr. Oda.

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2. OTHER BUSINESS

   Project Updates – Chris Schmiesing

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner, went over the March Plan It Piqua program highlighting the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals activity for February, the February Planning Projects and Permit Activities, and Community activities.

There was discussion of the need for fencing the sidewalks on bridges over roadways, and the ease of getting around the community from the bike path.

Mr. Oda asked how the City persuades corporate restaurants like Red Lobster to come to our community. Mr. Schmiesing stated the city has a new retail recruitment study and explained a little about the study and how it works, which is a great tool, and we will be utilizing it to bring in future businesses.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct it was moved and seconded that the regular meeting be adjourned. With all those present in favor the regular meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.
RESOLUTION No. PC 05-11

WHEREAS, Todd Huntington, GPD Group, on behalf of the owner, Bharat Parikh, Taco Bell, of the subject location in the city of Piqua, Ohio, being in a district zoned B - General Business, has submitted a request to authorize a Restaurant Fast Food special use to be located at 1234 E. Ash Street; and,

WHEREAS, section 154.140 of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinances provides the procedure for authorizing the approval of a special use request; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has studied the request, conducted a public hearing on the matter, and has established as fact that the proposed use:

☐ Will be compatible with the stated intent of the zoning district.
☐ Will not threaten the general health, safety, and welfare of the surrounding properties, and the adjacent property values will not be negatively affected.
☐ Is compatible with the general economic development policies of the City.
☐ Conforms to all other applicable codes and regulations of the city.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, board member ______________________ hereby moves to ______________________ the request made, as described by this resolution, the testimony provided, and the documents attached hereto, the motion is seconded by board member ______________________, and the voting record on this motion is hereby recorded as follows.

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CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO

Application for Special Use Permit

1. Applicant's Name: Todd Huntington, GBD Group  Phone: 530-572-2207
   Applicant's Address: 520 S. MAIN ST., STE. 2531, AKRON, OH 4431

2. Owner's Name: Bharat Partik, Taco Bell  Phone: 410-775-6923
   Owner's Address: 1900 Colonel Sanders L.N., L-1270, LouisVille, KY 40213

3. Type of legal interest held by applicant: Owners Representative/Consulting Engineer

4. Location of Special Use Permit request: 1234 E. Ash St.
   A. Legal description (lot No. or attach legal description)
   B. Address: 1234 E. Ash St.

5. Existing zoning: B - General Business

6. Existing usage: Taco Bell / Pizza Hut Express

7. Proposed usage: Taco Bell

8. Proposed special usage: Drive-Thru

9. No. of plot plans submitted (16 required UNLESS waived): 16

10. Describe the reason for the requested special use:

    Taco Bell requires a Drive-Thru to service customers

I hereby certify that the proposed request is authorized by the "Owner of Record" and agree to conform to all applicable laws of the City of Piqua, Ohio.

Signature of Applicant: [Signature]  Date: 03/10/11

Signature of Owner: [Signature]  Date: 03/15/11

Note: Both the owner and the applicant shall sign when application is made by someone other than the owner.

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$100.00 Fee Paid: 100.00  Date Fee Paid: 03/21/11

Receipt No: 194984  P.C. Res. No: 5-11
RESOLUTION No. PC 06-11

WHEREAS, the City Commission, has submitted a request to amend the zoning chapter of the codified ordinances to modify code provisions pertaining to the Floodplain District; and,

WHEREAS, sections 154.141 of the City of Piqua Code of Ordinances provides the procedure for considering an amendment to the zoning code; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has studied the request and conducted a public hearing on the matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, board member __________ hereby moves to __________________ the request made, as described by this resolution, the testimony provided, and the documents attached hereto as Exhibit ‘A’, the motion is seconded by board member __________, and the voting record on this motion is hereby recorded as follows.

AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  ABSENT

Mr. Jim Oda
Mr. Brad Bubp
Mr. Mike Taylor
Mrs. Jean Franz
Mr. Mark Spoltman
March 25, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission
    Planning Commission

Cc: Fred Enderle
    Bill Murphy
    Amy Havenar

Re: FEMA’s Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Update Project

As you will recall from prior communications, FEMA was recently directed by Congress to complete a flood map modernization project. The purpose of the project is to create new FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) using digital mapping technology and modern analysis techniques to more accurately define the limits of Special Flood Hazard Areas (100-year floodplain) and identify Other Flood Prone Areas. The mapping produced as a result of this effort will replace 1970’s and 80’s mapping that lacks the detail necessary to relate the designated flood areas to parcel lines or physical features located on the ground.

During the past 16 months FEMA consultants, in cooperation with ODNR officials, have completed map updates affecting the state of Ohio, and in particular Miami County. Following the Miami County preliminary map update release in March of 2010 FEMA conducted a workshop at the Miami County Safety Building to explain the project purpose and process to local officials and the general public. Following the workshop a 90-day appeal period was advertised and the public was invited to submit formal appeals or general comments concerning the preliminary mapping designating flood plain areas throughout the county. With reference to the mapping of the Piqua area, there were very minor changes to the existing floodplain boundaries. There were no appeals or comments submitted concerning the Piqua area, less the comments offered by this office concerning incorrect city limit boundaries and other minor labeling errors shown on the preliminary mapping.

On February 2, 2011 FEMA provided the city of Piqua with notification of the final flood elevations as determined by the FIRM update project. With this notice, known as the Letter of Final Determination (LFD), comes an obligation on the part of local communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) – Piqua has participated in the NFIP since its inception in the early 70’s – to adopt the most current model floodplain
management regulations developed by the State in which the community is located. In Ohio ODNR is the agency responsible for the development of the model floodplain management regulations. On Wednesday I attended a workshop hosted by ODNR to explain the model regulations and the adoption process requirements. The process requires that communities adopt the regulations within 6 months from the date of the LFD to avoid being suspended from the NFIP. Suspension from the program – even if only for brief period – will have an adverse impact on the premium rates paid, and the availability of flood insurance secured, by property owners participating in the program. Because ODNR and FEMA are also required to review and approve regulations adopted by each community prior to the 6 month deadline date, we really only have approximately 5 months, or until the end of June, to complete the adoption process and submit the adopted regulations to ODNR/FEMA for approval.

With that said, you will see the floodplain management regulations item appear on the April Planning Commission agenda. This hearing will provide an introduction to the content of the current model regulations. The last version we were required to adopt in 1999 was all of 1 ½ pages. This time around the regulations have grown to 30 pages. Even with being the case, because Piqua’s zoning floodplain standards already prohibit new building construction and require the removal of existing structures under certain conditions, the new model floodplain regulations present virtually no change in how the standards will impact land owners in our community. The additional content included in the model regulations primarily deals with design standards applicable to new improvements when communities allow building construction in a floodplain area (e.g., low lying areas near Lake Erie). The additional content also includes language restricting the placement of fill material in a designated floodplain area.

Because the model regulations are so comprehensive and designed as a set of standalone standards, I am recommending that the model floodplain regulations be adopted as a new chapter to be included in the Land Usage section of the City of Piqua Codified Ordinances. In doing so we will need to modify and or repeal the existing floodplain language included in the zoning code chapter and cross reference the new floodplain chapter within other code chapters as necessary. The following timeline has been established to ensure adoption of the model regulations in accordance with the applicable requirements.

April 12 – PC public hearing to discuss content of model regulations
April 12 thru May 10 – Public comment period to receive public input
May 10 – PC public hearing to receive recommendation on proposed regulations
May 17 – CC 1st reading of Ordinance
June 7 – 2nd reading of Ordinance
June 21 – 3rd reading of Ordinance
June 22 – Submit certified copies to ODNR/FEMA
Re: FEMA’s Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Update Project

While I understand these program requirements may seem somewhat cumbersome and overwhelming, it is important to recognize that our completing the steps necessary to maintain good standing with NFIP makes possible the tangible benefits received by those property owners in our community who participate in the program. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me so that we may discuss those items.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Chris Schmiesing
City Planner
City of Piqua
SECTION 1.0: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Statutory Authorization
ARTICLE XVIII, Section 3, of the Ohio Constitution grants municipalities the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures for promoting the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens. Therefore, the City Council of Piqua, State of Ohio, does ordain as follows:

1.2 Findings of Fact
The City of Piqua has special flood hazard areas that are subject to periodic inundation which may result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base. Additionally, structures that are adequately elevated, floodproofed, or otherwise protected from flood damage also contribute to the flood loss. In order to minimize the threat of such damages and to achieve the purposes hereinafter set forth, these regulations are adopted.

1.3 Statement of Purpose
It is the purpose of these regulations to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, and to:

A. Protect human life and health;
B. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
C. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
D. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
E. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in areas of special flood hazard;
F. Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the proper use and development of areas of special flood hazard so as to protect property and minimize future flood blight areas;
G. Ensure that those who occupy the areas of special flood hazard assume responsibility for their actions;
H. Minimize the impact of development on adjacent properties within and near flood prone areas;
I. Ensure that the flood storage and conveyance functions of the floodplain are maintained;
J. Minimize the impact of development on the natural, beneficial values of the floodplain;
K. Prevent floodplain uses that are either hazardous or environmentally incompatible; and
L. Meet community participation requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

1.4 Methods of Reducing Flood Loss
In order to accomplish its purposes, these regulations include methods and provisions for:

A. Restricting or prohibiting uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water hazards, or which result in damaging increases in flood heights or velocities;

B. Requiring that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities, which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;

C. Controlling the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers, which help accommodate or channel flood waters;

D. Controlling filling, grading, dredging, excavating, and other development which may increase flood damage; and,

E. Preventing or regulating the construction of flood barriers, which will unnaturally divert flood, waters or which may increase flood hazards in other areas.

1.5 Lands to Which These Regulations Apply
These regulations shall apply to all areas of special flood hazard within the jurisdiction of the City of Piqua as identified in Section 1.6, including any additional areas of special flood hazard annexed by City of Piqua.

1.6 Basis for Establishing the Areas of Special Flood Hazard
For the purposes of these regulations, the following studies and / or maps are adopted:

A. Flood Insurance Study Miami County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas and Flood Insurance Rate Map Miami County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas both effective August 2, 2011.

B. Other studies and / or maps, which may be relied upon for establishment of the flood protection elevation, delineation of the 100-year floodplain, floodways or delineation of other areas of special flood hazard.

C. Any hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis authored by a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Ohio which has been approved by the City of Piqua as required by Section 4.3 Subdivisions and Large Scale Developments.

Any revisions to the aforementioned maps and / or studies are hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of these regulations. Such maps and/or studies are on file at the City Hall at 201 West Water Street Piqua, Ohio.
1.7 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions
These regulations are not intended to repeal any existing ordinances including subdivision regulations, zoning or building codes. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and any other ordinance, the more restrictive shall be followed. These regulations shall not impair any deed restriction covenant or easement but the land subject to such interests shall also be governed by the regulations.

1.8 Interpretation
In the interpretation and application of these regulations, all provisions shall be:

A. Considered as minimum requirements;
B. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and,
C. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.
   Where a provision of these regulations may be in conflict with a state or Federal law, such state or Federal law shall take precedence over these regulations.

1.9 Warning and Disclaimer of Liability
The degree of flood protection required by these regulations is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific and engineering considerations. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Flood heights may be increased by man-made or natural causes. These regulations do not imply that land outside the areas of special flood hazard or uses permitted within such areas will be free from flooding or flood damage. These regulations shall not create liability on the part of the City of Piqua, any officer or employee thereof, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for any flood damage that results from reliance on these regulations or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

1.10 Severability
Should any section or provision of these regulations be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.
SECTION 2.0: DEFINITIONS

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in these regulations shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give these regulations the most reasonable application.

**Accessory Structure**
A structure on the same lot with, and of a nature customarily incidental and subordinate to, the principal structure.

**Appeal**
A request for review of the floodplain administrator’s interpretation of any provision of these regulations or a request for a variance.

**Base Flood**
The flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The base flood may also be referred to as the 1% chance annual flood or one-hundred (100) year flood.

**Base (100-Year) Flood Elevation (BFE)**
The water surface elevation of the base flood in relation to a specified datum, usually the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 or the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, and usually expressed in Feet Mean Sea Level (MSL). In Zone AO areas, the base flood elevation is the natural grade elevation plus the depth number (from 1 to 3 feet).

**Basement**
Any area of the building having its floor subgrade (below ground level) on all sides.

**Development**
Any manmade change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

**Enclosure Below the Lowest Floor**
See “Lowest Floor.”

**Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management)**
Issued by President Carter in 1977, this order requires that no federally assisted activities be conducted in or have the potential to affect identified special flood hazard areas, unless there is no practicable alternative.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
The agency with the overall responsibility for administering the National Flood Insurance Program.

**Fill**
A deposit of earth material placed by artificial means.
**Flood or Flooding**
A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:
1. The overflow of inland or tidal waters, and/or
2. The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.

**Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)**
Usually the initial map, produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for a community depicting approximate special flood hazard areas.

**Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)**
An official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has delineated the areas of special flood hazard.

**Flood Insurance Risk Zones**
Zone designations on FHBMs and FIRMs that indicate the magnitude of the flood hazard in specific areas of a community. Following are the zone definitions:

- **Zone A:**
  Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; base flood elevations are not determined.
- **Zones A1-30 and Zone AE:**
  Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; base flood elevations are determined.
- **Zone AO:**
  Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; with flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths are determined.
- **Zone AH:**
  Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood; flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); base flood elevations are determined.
- **Zone A99:**
  Special flood hazard areas inundated by the 100-year flood to be protected from the 100-year flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no base flood elevations are determined.
- **Zone B and Zone X (shaded):**
  Areas of 500-year flood; areas subject to the 100-year flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with contributing drainage area less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from the base flood.
- **Zone C and Zone X (unshaded):**
  Areas determined to be outside the 500-year floodplain.

**Flood Insurance Study (FIS)**
The official report in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided flood profiles, floodway boundaries
(sometimes shown on Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps), and the water surface elevations of
the base flood.

**Flood Protection Elevation**
The Flood Protection Elevation, or FPE, is the base flood elevation plus one [1] foot of
freeboard. In areas where no base flood elevations exist from any authoritative source, the flood
protection elevation can be historical flood elevations, or base flood elevations determined
and/or approved by the floodplain administrator.

**Floodway**
A floodway is the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that have
been reserved in order to pass the base flood discharge. A floodway is typically determined
through a hydraulic and hydrologic engineering analysis such that the cumulative increase in the
water surface elevation of the base flood discharge is no more than a designated height. In no
case shall the designated height be more than one foot at any point within the community.

The floodway is an extremely hazardous area, and is usually characterized by any of the
following: Moderate to high velocity flood waters, high potential for debris and projectile
impacts, and moderate to high erosion forces.

**Freeboard**
A factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for the purposes of floodplain
management. Freeboard tends to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute
to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway
conditions, such as wave action, obstructed bridge openings, debris and ice jams, and the
hydrologic effect of urbanization in a watershed.

**Historic structure**
Any structure that is:

1. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by
   the U.S. Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the
   Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listings on the National Register;
2. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing
to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily
determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district; or
3. Individually listed on the State of Ohio's inventory of historic places maintained by
   the Ohio Historic Preservation Office.

**Hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis**
An analysis performed by a professional engineer, registered in the State of Ohio, in accordance
with standard engineering practices as accepted by FEMA, used to determine flood elevations
and/or floodway boundaries.
Letter of Map Change (LOMC)
A Letter of Map Change is an official FEMA determination, by letter, to amend or revise effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, and Flood Insurance Studies. LOMCs are broken down into the following categories:

Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)
A revision based on technical data showing that a property was incorrectly included in a designated special flood hazard area. A LOMA amends the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Map and establishes that a specific property is not located in a special flood hazard area.

Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)
A revision based on technical data that, usually due to manmade changes, shows changes to flood zones, flood elevations, floodplain and floodway delineations, and planimetric features. One common type of LOMR, a LOMR-F, is a determination concerning whether a structure or parcel has been elevated by fill above the base flood elevation and is, therefore, excluded from the special flood hazard area.

Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR)
A formal review and comment by FEMA as to whether a proposed project complies with the minimum National Flood Insurance Program floodplain management criteria. A CLOMR does not amend or revise effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, or Flood Insurance Studies.

Lowest floor
The lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement) of a structure. This definition excludes an “enclosure below the lowest floor” which is an unfinished or flood resistant enclosure usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage, in an area other than a basement area, provided that such enclosure is built in accordance with the applicable design requirements specified in these regulations for enclosures below the lowest floor.

Manufactured home
A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. The term "manufactured home" does not include a "recreational vehicle". For the purposes of these regulations, a manufactured home includes manufactured homes and mobile homes as defined in Chapter 3733 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Manufactured home park
As specified in the Ohio Administrative Code 3701-27-01, a manufactured home park means any tract of land upon which three or more manufactured homes, used for habitation are parked, either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and includes any roadway, building, structure, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the facilities of the park. A tract of land that is subdivided and the individual lots are not for rent or rented, but are for sale or sold for the purpose of installation of manufactured homes on the lots, is not a manufactured home park, even though three or more manufactured homes are parked thereon, if the roadways are dedicated to the local government authority.
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
The NFIP is a Federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase insurance protection against losses from flooding. This insurance is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to meet the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods. Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the Federal government that states if a community will adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations to reduce future flood risks to all development in special flood hazard areas, the Federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood loss.

New construction
Structures for which the "start of construction" commenced on or after the initial effective date of the City of Piqua Flood Insurance Rate Map, November 9, 1979, and includes any subsequent improvements to such structures.

Person
Includes any individual or group of individuals, corporation, partnership, association, or any other entity, including state and local governments and agencies. An agency is further defined in the Ohio Revised Code Section 111.15 as any governmental entity of the state and includes, but is not limited to, any board, department, division, commission, bureau, society, council, institution, state college or university, community college district, technical college district, or state community college. “Agency” does not include the general assembly, the controlling board, the adjutant general’s department, or any court.

Recreational vehicle
A vehicle which is (1) built on a single chassis, (2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, (3) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck, and (4) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

Registered Professional Architect
A person registered to engage in the practice of architecture under the provisions of sections 4703.01 to 4703.19 of the Revised Code.

Registered Professional Engineer
A person registered as a professional engineer under Chapter 4733 of the Revised Code.

Registered Professional Surveyor
A person registered as a professional surveyor under Chapter 4733 of the Revised Code.

Special Flood Hazard Area
Also known as “Areas of Special Flood Hazard”, it is the land in the floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Special flood hazard areas are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Flood Insurance Studies, Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Hazard Boundary Maps as Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30, and A99. Special flood hazard areas may also refer to areas that are flood prone and designated from other federal state or local sources of data including but not limited to historical flood information reflecting high water marks, previous flood inundation areas, and flood prone soils associated with a watercourse.
Start of construction
The date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading, and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of a building.

Structure
A walled and roofed building, manufactured home, or gas or liquid storage tank that is principally above ground.

Substantial Damage
Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

Substantial Improvement
Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures, which have incurred "substantial damage", regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include:

1. Any improvement to a structure that is considered "new construction."
2. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified prior to the application for a development permit by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
3. Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration would not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

Variance
A grant of relief from the standards of these regulations consistent with the variance conditions herein.

Violation
The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with these regulations.
SECTION 3.0: ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Designation of the Floodplain Administrator
The City Planner is hereby appointed to administer and implement these regulations and is referred to herein as the Floodplain Administrator.

3.2 Duties and Responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator
The duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator shall include but are not limited to:

A. Evaluate applications for permits to develop in special flood hazard areas.
B. Interpret floodplain boundaries and provide flood hazard and flood protection elevation information.
C. Issue permits to develop in special flood hazard areas when the provisions of these regulations have been met, or refuse to issue the same in the event of noncompliance.
D. Inspect buildings and lands to determine whether any violations of these regulations have been committed.
E. Make and permanently keep all records for public inspection necessary for the administration of these regulations including Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Letters of Map Amendment and Revision, records of issuance and denial of permits to develop in special flood hazard areas, determinations of whether development is in or out of special flood hazard areas for the purpose of issuing floodplain development permits, elevation certificates, variances, and records of enforcement actions taken for violations of these regulations.
F. Enforce the provisions of these regulations.
G. Provide information, testimony, or other evidence as needed during variance hearings.
H. Coordinate map maintenance activities and FEMA follow-up.
I. Conduct substantial damage determinations to determine whether existing structures, damaged from any source and in special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA, must meet the development standards of these regulations.

3.3 Floodplain Development Permits
It shall be unlawful for any person to begin construction or other development activity including but not limited to filling; grading; construction; alteration, remodeling, or expanding any structure; or alteration of any watercourse wholly within, partially within or in contact with any identified special flood hazard area, as established in Section 1.6, until a floodplain development permit is obtained from the Floodplain Administrator. Such floodplain development permit shall show that the proposed development activity is in conformity with the provisions of these regulations. No such permit shall be issued by the Floodplain Administrator until the requirements of these regulations have been met.

3.4 Application Required
An application for a floodplain development permit shall be required for all development activities located wholly within, partially within, or in contact with an identified special flood hazard area. Such application shall be made by the owner of the property or his/her
authorized agent, herein referred to as the applicant, prior to the actual commencement of such construction on a form furnished for that purpose. Where it is unclear whether a development site is in a special flood hazard area, the Floodplain Administrator may require an application for a floodplain development permit to determine the development’s location. Such applications shall include, but not be limited to:

A. Site plans drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and topography of the area in question; the location of existing or proposed structures, fill, storage of materials, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing.
B. Elevation of the existing, natural ground where structures are proposed.
C. Elevation of the lowest floor, including basement, of all proposed structures.
D. Such other material and information as may be requested by the Floodplain Administrator to determine conformance with, and provide enforcement of these regulations.
E. Technical analyses conducted by the appropriate design professional registered in the State of Ohio and submitted with an application for a floodplain development permit when applicable:

1. Floodproofing certification for non-residential floodproofed structure as required in Section 4.5.
2. Certification that fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor of a structure not meeting the design requirements of Section 4.4(E) are designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces.
3. Description of any watercourse alteration or relocation that the flood carrying capacity of the watercourse will not be diminished, and maintenance assurances as required in Section 4.9(C).
4. A hydrologic and hydraulic analysis demonstrating that the cumulative effect of proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood by more than one foot in special flood hazard areas where the Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided base flood elevations but no floodway as required by Section 4.9(B).
5. A hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis showing impact of any development on flood heights in an identified floodway as required by Section 4.9(A).
6. Generation of base flood elevation(s) for subdivision and large-scale developments as required by Section 4.3.

F. A floodplain development permit application fee set by the schedule of fees adopted by the City of Piqua.

3.5 Review and Approval of a Floodplain Development Permit Application

A. Review
1. After receipt of a complete application, the Floodplain Administrator shall review the application to ensure that the standards of these regulations have been met. No
floodplain development permit application shall be reviewed until all information required in Section 3.4 has been received by the Floodplain Administrator.

2. The Floodplain Administrator shall review all floodplain development permit applications to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those federal, state or local governmental agencies from which prior approval is required. The applicant shall be responsible for obtaining such permits as required including permits issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

B. Approval
Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of a complete application, the Floodplain Administrator shall either approve or disapprove the application. If an application is approved, a floodplain development permit shall be issued. All floodplain development permits shall be conditional upon the commencement of work within one (1) year. A floodplain development permit shall expire one (1) year after issuance unless the permitted activity has been substantially begun and is thereafter pursued to completion.

3.6 Inspections
The Floodplain Administrator shall make periodic inspections at appropriate times throughout the period of construction in order to monitor compliance with permit conditions.

3.7 Post-Construction Certifications Required
The following as-built certifications are required after a floodplain development permit has been issued:

A. For new or substantially improved residential structures, or nonresidential structures that have been elevated, the applicant shall have a Federal Emergency Management Agency Elevation Certificate completed by a registered surveyor to record as-built elevation data. For elevated structures in Zone A and Zone AO areas without a base flood elevation, the elevation certificate may be completed by the property owner or owner’s representative.

B. For all development activities subject to the standards of Section 3.10(A), a Letter of Map Revision.

3.8 Revoking a Floodplain Development Permit
A floodplain development permit shall be revocable, if among other things, the actual development activity does not conform to the terms of the application and permit granted thereon. In the event of the revocation of a permit, an appeal may be taken to the Appeals Board in accordance with Section 5 of these regulations.
3.9 Exemption from Filing a Development Permit
An application for a floodplain development permit shall not be required for:

A. Maintenance work such as roofing, painting, and basement sealing, or for small nonstructural development activities (except for filling and grading) valued at less than $5,000.
B. Development activities in an existing or proposed manufactured home park that are under the authority of the Ohio Department of Health and subject to the flood damage reduction provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code Section 3701.
C. Major utility facilities permitted by the Ohio Power Siting Board under Section 4906 of the Ohio Revised Code.
D. Hazardous waste disposal facilities permitted by the Hazardous Waste Siting Board under Section 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code.
E. Development activities undertaken by a federal agency and which are subject to Federal Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management.

Any proposed action exempt from filing for a floodplain development permit is also exempt from the standards of these regulations.

3.10 Map Maintenance Activities
To meet National Flood Insurance Program minimum requirements to have flood data reviewed and approved by FEMA, and to ensure that City of Piqua flood maps, studies and other data identified in Section 1.6 accurately represent flooding conditions so appropriate floodplain management criteria are based on current data, the following map maintenance activities are identified:

A. Requirement to Submit New Technical Data
1. For all development proposals that impact floodway delineations or base flood elevations, the community shall ensure that technical data reflecting such changes be submitted to FEMA within six months of the date such information becomes available. These development proposals include:
   a. Floodway encroachments that increase or decrease base flood elevations or alter floodway boundaries;
   b. Fill sites to be used for the placement of proposed structures where the applicant desires to remove the site from the special flood hazard area;
   c. Alteration of watercourses that result in a relocation or elimination of the special flood hazard area, including the placement of culverts; and
   d. Subdivision or large scale development proposals requiring the establishment of base flood elevations in accordance with Section 4.3.

2. It is the responsibility of the applicant to have technical data, required in accordance with Section 3.10(A), prepared in a format required for a Conditional Letter of Map Revision or Letter of Map Revision, and submitted to FEMA. Submittal and processing fees for these map revisions shall be the responsibility of the applicant.
3. The Floodplain Administrator shall require a Conditional Letter of Map Revision prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit for:

   a. Proposed floodway encroachments that increase the base flood elevation; and
   b. Proposed development which increases the base flood elevation by more than one foot in areas where FEMA has provided base flood elevations but no floodway.

4. Floodplain development permits issued by the Floodplain Administrator shall be conditioned upon the applicant obtaining a Letter of Map Revision from FEMA for any development proposal subject to Section 3.10(A)(1).

B. Right to Submit New Technical Data
   The Floodplain Administrator may request changes to any of the information shown on an effective map that does not impact floodplain or floodway delineations or base flood elevations, such as labeling or planimetric details. Such a submission shall include appropriate supporting documentation made in writing by the City Manager of the City of Piqua, and may be submitted at any time.

C. Annexation / Detachment
   Upon occurrence, the Floodplain Administrator shall notify FEMA in writing whenever the boundaries of the City of Piqua have been modified by annexation or the community has assumed authority over an area, or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that the City of Piqua Flood Insurance Rate Map accurately represent the City of Piqua boundaries, include within such notification a copy of a map of the City of Piqua suitable for reproduction, clearly showing the new corporate limits or the new area for which the City of Piqua has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.

3.11 Data Use and Flood Map Interpretation
   The following guidelines shall apply to the use and interpretation of maps and other data showing areas of special flood hazard:

   A. In areas where FEMA has not identified special flood hazard areas, or in FEMA identified special flood hazard areas where base flood elevation and floodway data have not been identified, the Floodplain Administrator shall review and reasonably utilize any other flood hazard data available from a federal, state, or other source.

   B. Base flood elevations and floodway boundaries produced on FEMA flood maps and studies shall take precedence over base flood elevations and floodway boundaries by any other source that reflect a reduced floodway width and/or lower base flood elevations. Other sources of data, showing increased base flood elevations and/or larger floodway areas than are shown on FEMA flood maps and studies, shall be reasonably used by the Floodplain Administrator.
C. When Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps and/or Flood Insurance Study have been provided by FEMA:

1. Upon the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination by the FEMA, the preliminary flood hazard data shall be used and replace all previously existing flood hazard data provided from FEMA for the purposes of administering these regulations.

2. Prior to the issuance of a Letter of Final Determination by FEMA, the use of preliminary flood hazard data shall only be required where no base flood elevations and/or floodway areas exist or where the preliminary base flood elevations or floodway area exceed the base flood elevations and/or floodway widths in existing flood hazard data provided from FEMA. Such preliminary data may be subject to change and/or appeal to FEMA.

D. The Floodplain Administrator shall make interpretations, where needed, as to the exact location of the flood boundaries and areas of special flood hazard. A person contesting the determination of the location of the boundary shall be given a reasonable opportunity to appeal the interpretation as provided in Section 5.0, Appeals and Variances.

E. Where a map boundary showing an area of special flood hazard and field elevations disagree, the base flood elevations or flood protection elevations (as found on an elevation profile, floodway data table, established high water marks, etc.) shall prevail.

3.12 Substantial Damage Determinations

Damages to structures may result from a variety of causes including flood, tornado, wind, heavy snow, fire, etc. After such a damage event, the Floodplain Administrator shall:

A. Determine whether damaged structures are located in special flood hazard areas;

B. Conduct substantial damage determinations for damaged structures located in special flood hazard areas; and

C. Make reasonable attempt to notify owners of substantially damaged structures of the need to obtain a floodplain development permit prior to repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction.

Additionally, the Floodplain Administrator may implement other measures to assist with the substantial damage determination and subsequent repair process. These measures include issuing press releases, public service announcements, and other public information materials related to the floodplain development permits and repair of damaged structures; coordinating with other federal, state, and local agencies to assist with substantial damage determinations; providing owners of damaged structures materials and other information related to the proper repair of damaged structures in special flood hazard areas; and assist owners of substantially damaged structures with increased Cost of Compliance insurance claims.
SECTION 4.0: USE AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR FLOOD HAZARD REDUCTION

The following use and development standards apply to development wholly within, partially within, or in contact with any special flood hazard area as established in Section 1.6 or 3.11(A):

4.1 Use Regulations

A. Permitted Uses
   All uses not otherwise prohibited in this section or any other applicable land use regulation adopted by City of Piqua are allowed provided they meet the provisions of these regulations.

B. Prohibited Uses
   1. Private water supply systems in all special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA, permitted under Section 3701 of the Ohio Revised Code.
   2. Infectious waste treatment facilities in all special flood hazard areas, permitted under Section 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code.
   3. Both residential and nonresidential structures are prohibited within the special flood hazard areas as established in Section 1.6 or 3.11(A).

4.2 Water and Wastewater Systems
   The following standards apply to all water supply, sanitary sewerage and waste disposal systems not otherwise regulated by the Ohio Revised Code:

   A. All new and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of floodwaters into the systems;
   B. New and replacement sanitary sewerage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharge from the systems into flood waters; and,
   C. On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to or contamination from them during flooding.

4.3 Subdivisions and Large Developments
   A. All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage and are subject to all applicable standards in these regulations;
   B. All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage;
   C. All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood damage; and
   D. In all areas of special flood hazard where base flood elevation data are not available, the applicant shall provide a hydrologic and hydraulic engineering analysis that generates base flood elevations for all subdivision proposals and other proposed developments containing at least 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is less.
E. The applicant shall meet the requirement to submit technical data to FEMA in Section 3.10(A)(1)(d) when a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis is completed that generates base flood elevations as required by Section 4.3(D).

4.4 Residential Structures

A. New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Where a structure, including its foundation members, is elevated on fill to or above the base flood elevation, the requirements for anchoring (4.4(A)) and construction materials resistant to flood damage (4.4(B)) are satisfied.

B. New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with methods and materials resistant to flood damage.

C. New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or elevated so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

D. New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure, including manufactured homes, shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the flood protection elevation. In Zone AO areas with no elevations specified, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade.

E. New construction and substantial improvements, including manufactured homes, that do not have basements and that are elevated to the flood protection elevation using pilings, columns, posts, or solid foundation perimeter walls with openings sufficient to allow unimpeded movement of flood waters may have an enclosure below the lowest floor provided the enclosure meets the following standards:

1. Be used only for the parking of vehicles, building access, or storage; and
2. be designed and certified by a registered professional engineer or architect to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters; or
3. have a minimum of two openings on different walls having a total net area not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area, and the bottom of all such openings being no higher than one foot above grade. The openings may be equipped with screens, louveres, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters.

F. Manufactured homes shall be affixed to a permanent foundation and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors.

G. Repair or rehabilitation of historic structures upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a historic structure and is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and
design of the structure, shall be exempt from the development standards of Section 4.4.

H. In AO Zones, new construction and substantial improvement shall have adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes to guide floodwaters around and away from the structure.

4.5 Nonresidential Structures
A. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall meet the requirements of Section 4.4 (A) – (C) and (E) – (H).
B. New construction and substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial or other nonresidential structure shall either have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the level of the flood protection elevation; or, together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall meet all of the following standards:

1. Be dry floodproofed so that the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water to the level of the flood protection elevation;
2. Have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and,
3. Be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect, through the use of a Federal Emergency Management Agency Floodproofing Certificate, that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with Section 4.5(B)(1) and (2).
C. In Zone AO areas with no elevations specified, the structure shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated at least two feet above the highest adjacent natural grade.

4.6 Accessory Structures
Relief to the elevation or dry floodproofing standards may be granted for accessory structures containing no more than 600 square feet. Such structures must meet the following standards:

A. They shall not be used for human habitation;
B. They shall be constructed of flood resistant materials;
C. They shall be constructed and placed on the lot to offer the minimum resistance to the flow of floodwaters;
D. They shall be firmly anchored to prevent flotation;
E. Service facilities such as electrical and heating equipment shall be elevated or floodproofed to or above the level of the flood protection elevation; and
F. They shall meet the opening requirements of Section 4.4(E)(3);

4.7 Recreational Vehicles
Recreational vehicles must meet at least one of the following standards:

A. They shall not be located on sites in special flood hazard areas for more than 180 days, or
B. They must be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or
C. They must meet all standards of Section 4.4.

4.8 Above Ground Gas or Liquid Storage Tanks
All above ground gas or liquid storage tanks shall be anchored to prevent flotation or lateral movement resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads.

4.9 Assurance of Flood Carrying Capacity
Pursuant to the purpose and methods of reducing flood damage stated in these regulations, the following additional standards are adopted to assure that the reduction of the flood carrying capacity of watercourses is minimized:

A. Development in Floodways
1. In floodway areas, development shall cause no increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. Prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, conducted by a registered professional engineer, demonstrating that the proposed development would not result in any increase in the base flood elevation; or
2. Development in floodway areas causing increases in the base flood elevation may be permitted provided all of the following are completed by the applicant:
   a. Meet the requirements to submit technical data in Section 3.10(A);
   b. An evaluation of alternatives, which would not result in increased base flood elevations and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible;
   c. Certification that no structures are located in areas that would be impacted by the increased base flood elevation;
   d. Documentation of individual legal notices to all impacted property owners within and outside the community, explaining the impact of the proposed action on their property; and
   e. Concurrence of the Mayor of City of Piqua and the Chief Executive Officer of any other communities impacted by the proposed actions.

B. Development in Riverine Areas with Base Flood Elevations but No Floodways
1. In riverine special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA where base flood elevation data are provided but no floodways have been designated, the cumulative effect of any proposed development, when combined with all other existing and anticipated development, shall not increase the base flood elevation more than 1.0 (one) foot at any point. Prior to issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a hydrologic and hydraulic analysis, conducted by a registered professional engineer, demonstrating that this standard has been met; or,
2. Development in riverine special flood hazard areas identified by FEMA where base flood elevation data are provided but no floodways have been designated causing more than one foot increase in the base flood elevation may be permitted provided all of the following are completed by the applicant:
a. An evaluation of alternatives which would result in an increase of one foot or less of the base flood elevation and an explanation why these alternatives are not feasible;
b. Section 4.9(A)(2), items (a) and (c)-(e).

C. Alterations of a Watercourse
For the purpose of these regulations, a watercourse is altered when any change occurs within its banks. The extent of the banks shall be established by a field determination of the “bankfull stage.” The field determination of “bankfull stage” shall be based on methods presented in Chapter 7 of the USDA Forest Service General Technical Report RM-245, Stream Channel Reference Sites: An Illustrated Guide to Field Technique or other applicable publication available from a Federal, State, or other authoritative source. For all proposed developments that alter a watercourse, the following standards apply:

1. The bankfull flood carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse shall not be diminished. Prior to the issuance of a floodplain development permit, the applicant must submit a description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or relocated as a result of the proposed development, and certification by a registered professional engineer that the bankfull flood carrying capacity of the watercourse will not be diminished.
2. Adjacent communities, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, must be notified prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse. Evidence of such notification must be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
3. The applicant shall be responsible for providing the necessary maintenance for the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood carrying capacity will not be diminished. The Floodplain Administrator may require the permit holder to enter into an agreement with City of Piqua specifying the maintenance responsibilities. If an agreement is required, it shall be made a condition of the floodplain development permit.
4. The applicant shall meet the requirements to submit technical data in Section 3.10(A)(1)(c) when an alteration of a watercourse results in the relocation or elimination of the special flood hazard area, including the placement of culverts.
SECTION 5.0: APPEALS AND VARIANCES

5.1 Appeals Board Established
   A. The City of Piqua Board of Zoning Appeals is hereby appointed to serve as the Appeals Board as established by City Code.
   B. Records of the Appeals Board shall be kept and filed in City Hall at 201 West Water Street Piqua, Ohio.

5.2 Powers and Duties
   A. The Appeals Board shall hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the administration or enforcement of these regulations.
   B. Authorize variances in accordance with Section 5.4 of these regulations.

5.3 Appeals
   Any person affected by any notice and order, or other official action of the Floodplain Administrator may request and shall be granted a hearing on the matter before the Appeals Board provided that such person shall file, within 20 days of the date of such notice and order, or other official action, a brief statement of the grounds for such hearing or for the mitigation of any item appearing on any order of the Floodplain Administrator’s decision. Such appeal shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and be filed with the Floodplain Administrator. Upon receipt of the appeal, the Floodplain Administrator shall transmit said notice and all pertinent information on which the Floodplain Administrator’s decision was made to the Appeals Board.

   Upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the Appeals Board shall fix a reasonable time for the appeal, give notice in writing to parties in interest, and decide the appeal within a reasonable time after it is submitted.

5.4 Variances
   Any person believing that the use and development standards of these regulations would result in unnecessary hardship may file an application for a variance. The Appeals Board shall have the power to authorize, in specific cases, such variances from the standards of these regulations, not inconsistent with Federal regulations, as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owning to special conditions of the lot or parcel, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these regulations would result in unnecessary hardship.

   A. Application for a Variance
      1. Any owner, or agent thereof, of property for which a variance is sought shall make an application for a variance by filing it with the Floodplain Administrator, who upon receipt of the variance shall transmit it to the Appeals Board.
      2. Such application at a minimum shall contain the following information: Name, address, and telephone number of the applicant; legal description of the property; parcel map; description of the existing use; description of the proposed use;
location of the floodplain; description of the variance sought; and reason for the variance request.

3. All applications for a variance shall be accompanied by a variance application fee set by the schedule of fees adopted by the City of Piqua.

B. Public Hearing
At such hearing the applicant shall present such statements and evidence as the Appeals Board requires. In considering such variance applications, the Appeals Board shall consider and make findings of fact on all evaluations, all relevant factors, standards specified in other sections of these regulations and the following factors:

1. The danger that materials may be swept onto other lands to the injury of others.
2. The danger to life and property due to flooding or erosion damage.
3. The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner.
4. The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community.
5. The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use that are not subject to flooding or erosion damage.
6. The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable.
7. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development.
8. The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area.
9. The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles.
10. The expected heights, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment transport of the floodwaters and the effects of wave action, if applicable, expected at the site.
11. The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, and water systems, and streets and bridges.

C. Variances shall only be issued upon:
1. A showing of good and sufficient cause.
2. A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship due to the physical characteristics of the property. Increased cost or inconvenience of meeting the requirements of these regulations does not constitute an exceptional hardship to the applicant.
3. A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights beyond that which is allowed in these regulations; additional threats to public safety; extraordinary public expense, nuisances, fraud on or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing local laws.
4. A determination that the structure or other development is protected by methods to minimize flood damages.
5. A determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
Upon consideration of the above factors and the purposes of these regulations, the Appeals Board may attach such conditions to the granting of variances, as it deems necessary to further the purposes of these regulations.

D. Other Conditions for Variances
1. Variances shall not be issued within any designated floodway if any increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge would result.
2. Generally, variances may be issued for new construction and substantial improvements to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing items in Section 5.4(B)(1) to (11) have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.
3. Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice that the structure will be permitted to be built with a lowest floor elevation below the base flood elevation and the cost of flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation.

5.5 Procedure at Hearings
1. All testimony shall be given under oath.
2. A complete record of the proceedings shall be kept, except confidential deliberations of the Board, but including all documents presented and a verbatim record of the testimony of all witnesses.
3. The applicant shall proceed first to present evidence and testimony in support of the appeal or variance.
4. The administrator may present evidence or testimony in opposition to the appeal or variance.
5. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination by the adverse party or their counsel.
6. Evidence that is not admitted may be proffered and shall become part of the record for appeal.
7. The Board shall issue subpoenas upon written request for the attendance of witnesses. A reasonable deposit to cover the cost of issuance and service shall be collected in advance.
8. The Board shall prepare conclusions of fact supporting its decision. The decision may be announced at the conclusion of the hearing and thereafter issued in writing or the decision may be issued in writing within a reasonable time after the hearing.

5.6 Appeal to the Court
Those aggrieved by the decision of the Appeals Board may appeal such decision to the Miami County Court of Common Pleas, as provided in Chapter 2506 of the Ohio Revised Code.
SECTION 6.0: ENFORCEMENT

6.1 Compliance Required
A. No structure or land shall hereafter be located, erected, constructed, reconstructed, repaired, extended, converted, enlarged or altered without full compliance with the terms of these regulations and all other applicable regulations which apply to uses within the jurisdiction of these regulations, unless specifically exempted from filing for a development permit as stated in Section 3.9.
B. Failure to obtain a floodplain development permit shall be a violation of these regulations and shall be punishable in accordance with Section 6.3.
C. Floodplain development permits issued on the basis of plans and applications approved by the Floodplain Administrator authorize only the use, and arrangement, set forth in such approved plans and applications or amendments thereto. Use, arrangement, or construction contrary to that authorized shall be deemed a violation of these regulations and punishable in accordance with Section 6.3.

6.2 Notice of Violation
Whenever the Floodplain Administrator determines that there has been a violation of any provision of these regulations, he shall give notice of such violation to the person responsible therefore and order compliance with these regulations as hereinafter provided. Such notice and order shall:
A. Be put in writing on an appropriate form;
B. Include a list of violations, referring to the section or sections of these regulations that have been violated, and order remedial action, which, if taken, will effect compliance with the provisions of these regulations;
C. Specify a reasonable time for performance;
D. Advise the owner, operator, or occupant of the right to appeal;
E. Be served on the owner, occupant, or agent in person. However, this notice and order shall be deemed to be properly served upon the owner, occupant, or agent if a copy thereof is sent by registered or certified mail to the person’s last known mailing address, residence, or place of business, and/or a copy is posted in a conspicuous place in or on the dwelling affected.

6.3 Violations and Penalties
Violation of the provisions of these regulations or failure to comply with any of its requirements shall be deemed to be a strict liability offense, and shall constitute a fourth degree misdemeanor. Any person who violates these regulations or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall upon conviction thereof be fined or imprisoned as provided by the laws of the City of Piqua. Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City of Piqua from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation. The City of Piqua shall prosecute any violation of these regulations in accordance with the penalties stated herein.
SECTION 7.0: ADOPTION

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law and replaces Ordinance Number 16-99, which is hereby repealed.

PASSED:
1st Reading: 

2nd Reading: 

3rd Reading: 

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President of Council

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April 1, 2011

*** MEETING NOTICE ***

Please be advised that the City of Piqua Planning Commission will conduct a meeting at the time and location stated below.

TIME: 6:00PM
DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2011
LOCATION: Commission Chambers – 2nd Floor
Municipal Government Complex
201 W. Water Street

To view the Planning Commission packet in its entirety, visit http://www.piquaoh.org/agenda_plan_comm.htm, or stop by the Development Office.

Please contact me if you have any questions pertaining to this notice.

Chris Schmiesing
Christopher W. Schmiesing
City Planner