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The Honorable Sarah Strommen
Mayor, City of Ramsey
7550 Sunwood Drive Northwest
Ramsey, Minnesota 55303

Dear Mayor Strommen:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the City of Ramsey, Minnesota, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on December 16, 2015; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3(d).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated June 16, 2015, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Anoka County. Therefore, the City of Ramsey should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the City of Ramsey will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water. You may contact Ceil Strauss, CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (651) 259-5713, in writing at 500 Lafayette Road Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155-4032, or by electronic mail at ceil.strauss@state.mn.us.

The FEMA Regional staff in Chicago, Illinois, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the City of Ramsey and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (312) 408-5500 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region V, at 536 South Clark Street, Sixth Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

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You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until December 16, 2015, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by December 16, 2015. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Sincerely,



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cc: Andrew Velasquez, III, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V
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Chris Anderson, Environmental Coordinator, City of Ramsey