



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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Dear Mr. Dorman,

On June 30, 2016, the preliminary flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs) for Dare County and its six municipalities were released. Since that time, progress on the map adoption process has been moving at a slow pace. The appeal period on the FIRMs ended in November 2017. The last update from your staff was that a request had been sent to FEMA requesting September 28, 2018, as the issue date of the revised preliminary maps. The Town of Kill Devil Hills has not been informed if this request has been approved by FEMA.

On behalf of the Town of Kill Devil Hills and its Board of Commissioners, I write for you to strongly encourage FEMA to complete the final steps of the FIRMs review process and identify the six-month FIRMs adoption date for Kill Devil Hills and the other local governments of Dare County. The residents and property owners of Kill Devil Hills have been awaiting the adoption of the revised FIRMs so they can be used for insurance rating purposes. I realize that the FIRMs adoption process is lengthy and involves publication in the federal register and other mandatory steps before the final maps are released. However, progress on the Dare County maps has been prolonged and the citizens of Dare County are frustrated with the tedious nature of the process. Any assistance your office could provide in getting FEMA to finalize the FIRMs and identify an effective date for the Kill Devil Hills and Dare County maps would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Richard Burr, US Senate
The Honorable Thom Tillis, US Senate
The Honorable Water Jones, US House of Representatives
The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina
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