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Press Release

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Starting this week, the Department of Public Works will be mailing a flood protection brochure to all property owners and renters (approximately 2,000) located within the City's current flood plain boundaries. The purpose of the notice and brochure is to inform owners and renters that their property is located in the regulatory flood plain, and to provide information regarding how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.

The regulatory flood plain in Norman is defined by maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City's Flood Plain Ordinance establishes the regulations associated with property within the mapped flood plains. City staff developed the brochure in collaboration with FEMA, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) and the Oklahoma Floodplain Manager's Association (OFMA).

This notification is an annual requirement of the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) program. The CRS program allows discounts to member communities on flood insurance premiums for policy holders in that community. The CRS status also distinguishes a community as a proactive steward of flood plain management principles. The City of Norman has applied this year for the first time to join the CRS program. This public information process is one of the last requirements for Norman's entry into the program. FEMA officials have also conducted extensive field visits to Norman to visually inspect our flood plains as well as reviewing the City's regulatory processes. Current CRS communities in Oklahoma include Edmond, Stillwater, Tulsa, Broken Arrow and others.

If there are further questions or if additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to call the Public Works Department at (405) 366-5452.