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## ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD MOTION 072104-C1

Date: July 21, 2004

Subject: Code Amendments on Construction in 25-Year Floodplain

Motioned By: Timothy Riley

Seconded By: Karin Ascot

### Recommendation

The Environmental Board recommends **disapproval** of the proposed amendments to the City Code Section 24-7-152 and the adding of Section 25-7-96 relating to the construction of unoccupied structures or parking area on recreational lands in the 25-year floodplain and to the dedication of easements and rights of way.

### Rationale

Construction and development within the 100-year and 25-year floodplains, even with relatively small structures and parking lots, come with inherent increased risks of generating flood hazards. The effective flood risk reduction of such structures is highly dependent upon appropriate design and more importantly on how these structures are maintained and used over time.

The Board has consistently taken the view that environmental variances should be considered in a public process so that the opportunity for the public to be informed and invited to participate is maintained. This proposal would eliminate that public process and preclude public input on a matter of potentially significant environmental consequence. Environmental variances should be granted only after the highest possible degree of public scrutiny and transparency.

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For: Ascot, Leffingwell, Maxwell, Moncada, Riley

Against: Holder

Abstain: None

Absent: Anderson, Curra

Approved By:

Lee Leffingwell, Chair