



City of Alameda, California

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Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

This letter is to inform you of a change that may affect the floodplain designation of your property in Alameda. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently revised and finalized the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) within Alameda County, and as a result your property appears to be mapped within the Special Flood Hazard Area (commonly known as the 100-year floodplain). The new maps become effective on December 21, 2018.

The City of Alameda must adopt these new maps in order to continue participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), a FEMA program that provides federally subsidized flood insurance to any property owner within the community and provides a means for property owners to financially protect themselves. As a result of the new mapping designation, your property is considered to be at high-risk for flooding and you are required to purchase flood insurance if your lender is federally regulated or insured. Some homeowners may not be aware of the potential coastal flood risks within Alameda – a risk not covered by standard homeowner insurance policies. You should discuss coverage with your insurance agent. Because your structure was constructed prior to the area being considered high-risk for flooding, you may be eligible for a discounted insurance premium if the insurance is purchased *before* the new maps become effective on December 21, 2018. For more information on the NFIP and the insurance requirements please visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 1(888) 379-9531.

Note: FEMA has not yet released the new maps online or in print form. They are expected to be made available in early September. However, they have stated that the revised maps will remain substantially unchanged from the 2015 proposed maps (which you may recall receiving notice about at that time through the City’s outreach program). To view the 2015 proposed maps, use the graphic map on the back of this letter to find the map number that corresponds to the location of your property. Then go to <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>, and in the search bar type “Alameda.” On the next screen, click on the “Show All Products” box on the right hand side. On the next screen, click on “Preliminary Products” and then “Preliminary FIRM Panels” below it to see a full list of the flood maps. Find your map number in the list, and download it to view your property in relation to the flood zone. When the new maps are released, you will be able to view paper copies at the Permit Center in City Hall (2263 Santa Clara Ave, ground floor), at Public Works (950 West Mall Square, Room 110), or the Main Library (1550 Oak St.).

Visit the City’s floodplain update webpage at <https://alamedaca.gov/public-works/floodmaps> to view updates as they happen, the City’s CommunityView GIS website showing the flood maps overlain with property information, links to FEMA maps and forms, answers to frequently asked questions, and informational flyers. Please contact Public Works with any questions regarding the map change at (510) 747-7930 or by email at floodmaps@alamedaca.gov.

Sincerely,

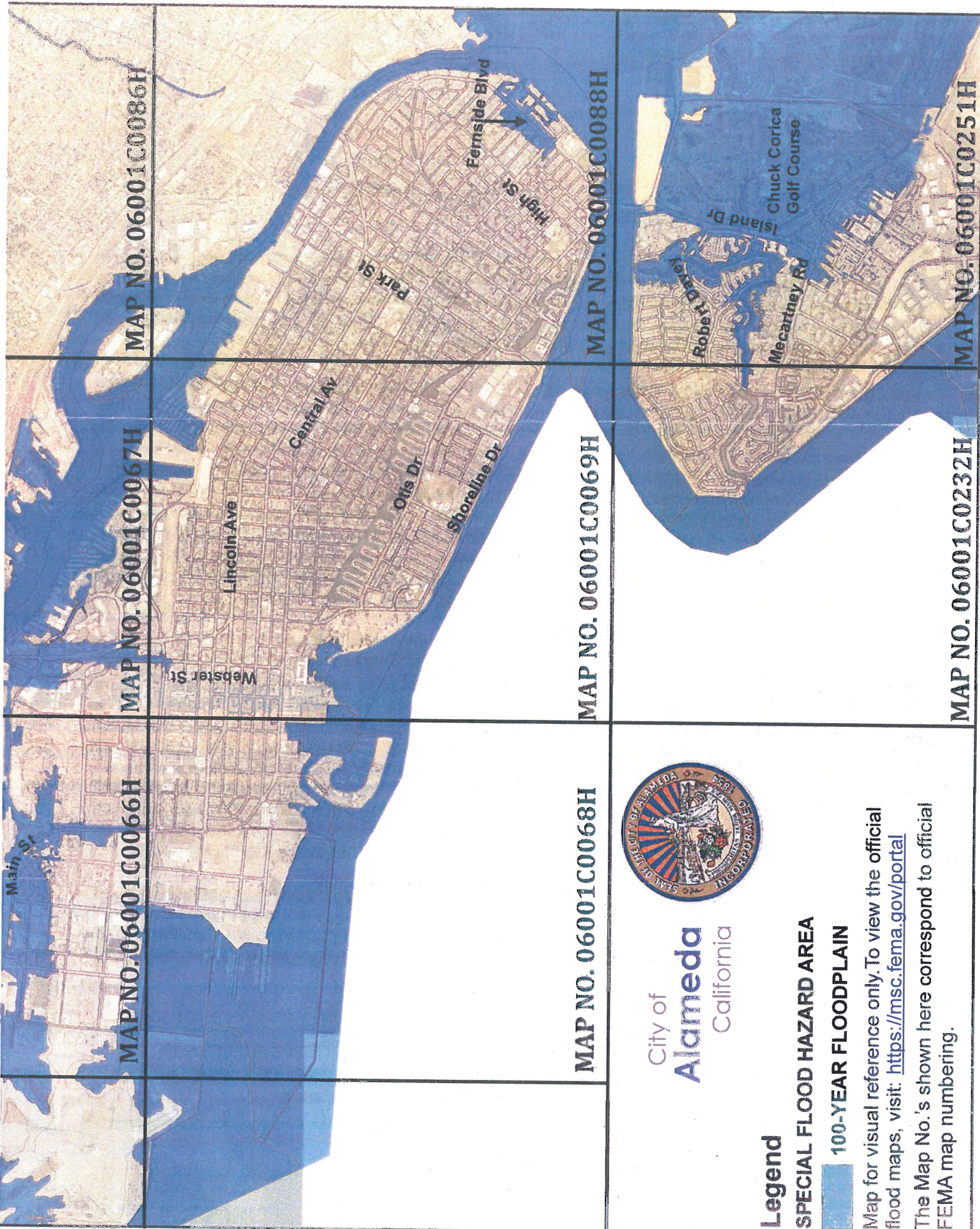
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SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

 **100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

Map for visual reference only. To view the official flood maps, visit: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>

The Map No.'s shown here correspond to official FEMA map numbering.