



Island County

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Delay of Enforcement of Probation to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Good Afternoon,

I am delighted to have some good news for our community during these times. Island County received a response from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding our request for a delay of the enforcement of probation to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

With the public gatherings, meetings, and events being prohibited, and residential construction deemed non-essential, FEMA acknowledged the County's response to COVID-19 makes the implementation of Island County's plan to remedy the compliance requirements with the properties still on the FEMA-NFIP Community Assistance Visit (CAV) list, to the maximum extent possible, prior to the current deadline virtually impossible during these trying restricted times. In that vein, FEMA has granted Island County deferment for 120 days before making its final determination on whether Island County has made the required effort to avoid being placed on probation. The delay will allow Island County time to address our social responsibilities during this unprecedented pandemic.

The new date of the probation has been postponed to July 28, 2020. We will continue to develop the timelines and milestones that must be met in order to remedy the violations to the maximum extent possible, as well as address the other issues previously identified in the 2013 Community Assistance Visit (CAV).

Please inform me if you have any comments, questions, or inquiries pertaining to this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation and resilience during this time.

Graciously,

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