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Please see the attached. Publicly recognizing the amazing work that Robin Dalke, CFM, the Development Services Operations Manager, and her team have done on this project. Thank you -

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December 4, 2023

City of Salem
c/o City Council
555 Liberty St. SE, Room #220
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Update to the City of Salem Floodplain Management Plan #3.2e

Mayor and Councilors:

I want to publicly recognize the amazing work that Robin Dalke, CFM, the Development Services Operations Manager, and her team have done on this project. Over the course of two and a half years, she communicated with me, on a timely basis, relative to how the update to the City of Salem Floodplain Management Plan and new LIDAR data would positively affect the property on Breys.

She made me aware of potentially reduced premiums, which we communicated to our insurance company. Our rates were slightly reduced instead of increasing as they have in the past. The best news is that as of June of 2023, *we no longer need to carry required flood insurance* due to her and her team's efforts. A small corner of our property was in the 100-year floodplain, the rest was not, but the new LIDAR data proved it wasn't impacted by the new 100-year boundaries.

There are likely 100's of other properties where flood insurance will no longer be required and probably all city residents may take advantage of reduced premiums. This has been an extraordinary service to the residents of the City of Salem and their family budgets. I hope it is recognized and that the city further communicates the floodplain management efforts that have been made to serve the residents in this regard. Nicely done!

Respectfully submitted –



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