

CITY OF SALEM
Written Testimony
City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, August 13, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

4.a. [18-351](#)

Proposed amendments to Salem Revised Code pertaining to Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control (Chapter 75), Sidewalks (Chapter 78), Clearing and Grading of Land (Chapter 82), Land Division and Configuration (Chapter 205), Planned Unit Development (Chapter 210), Procedures for Land Use Applications and Legislative Land Use Proposals (Chapter 300), and Floodplain Overlay Zone (Chapter 601).

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and advance to second reading for enactment Ordinance Bill No. 15-18, which amends Salem Revised Code (SRC) Chapters 75, 78, 82, 205, 210, 300, and 601.

Attachments: [Ordinance 15-18](#)

[Comments from E.M. Easterly Received 7-30-2018](#)

[Written Testimony - M. Borup](#)

Add- Written Testimony.

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Message	See attached for the meeting tonight.

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Proposed Chapter 601 Revisions (Ordinance 15-18)

I have read the changes and have a few questions.

My home is located in an AE section of the map, however I have lived there for 20 years and have not flooded. The creek on the side and behind my home sits about 30 feet lower than my yard. So I am not sure why it is listed as AE. Perhaps you can clarify? I know back in the 40's when my home was built, people didn't build on floodplains. I do know the City uses the creek as a ditch when it rains, as the streets drain in to the creek, which is too bad. Maybe street drainage could be diverted? Also the City is a lower elevation, and on the map, it is not listed as being part of the floodplain.

Does the City have a water control plan? I know a few years ago, Gilmour Field was used to hold water from Clark Creek, and when it got to full, it was released into the street. I personally wouldn't consider that to be a well thought out plan. Was that intentional? Does this have something to do with the City's plan?

The information references 1979. The City has let buildings be built in flood plains since that time. What happens to those buildings? And will the City continue to allow building in wetlands out by the airport and on Fairview? Where will the extra water be diverted to?

The plan speaks of floodways, but doesn't mention where they are located. Is there a map that shows those?

Does the City have to align themselves with FEMA? Is that the best course of action? We have seen through the media that FEMA isn't the most responsive organization. Couldn't a disaster be handled faster and more efficiently on a local level?

Thank you for your time. I would really enjoy speaking with someone who could answer my particular questions and concerns.

Melinda Bourp