Flood Map Adoption
History of Flood Map Adoption

- The City manages development within Flood Hazard areas in accordance with 3 tools:
  - Flood damage protection ordinance
  - FEMA Flood Insurance Study (FIS)
  - Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS)

- The **Currently Effective FIRMS** were adopted in December of 2002.

- After Hurricane Ike, FEMA initiated a study of Texas coastal counties to better identify the coastal surge risks.
Based upon the results of modeling, FEMA issued a series of **Preliminary Draft FIRMS** in September of 2012 for local review.

The City successfully appealed the FIRMS and FEMA accepted the appeal, subsequently issuing **Revised Draft Preliminary FIRMS** in November of 2014.

The City accepted those findings in April of 2015.

All three maps versions of the flood maps are available for comparison on the Galveston website.
Flood Map Adoption Process and Current Status

- Flood study conducted
- Collection of comments
- 90 day appeal period
- Resolve appeals and finalize map
- Letter of Final Determination (LFD)
- 6 month adoption period
Current Status of Flood Map Adoption

- The Letter of Final Determination (LFD) cannot be issued without resolution of all appeals within the study area.

- According to a recent email of Mr. Larry Voice of FEMA is at the point of resolving the two last community appeals. Thereafter the LFD can be issued and we can begin the local adoption process.