

## **A. Introduction**

### **I. Statutory Authorization and Effect**

In accordance with 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, §§ 4424 and 4414, there is hereby established a bylaw for areas at risk of flood damage in the **Town/City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_**, Vermont. Except as additionally described below, all administrative procedures follow municipal procedures under 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117.

### **II. Title**

This bylaw shall be known and cited as the **Town/City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_ Flood Hazard and River Corridor** Bylaw, hereinafter referred to as the “bylaw.”

### **III. Statement of Purpose**

It is the purpose of this bylaw to:

- A. Implement the goals, policies, and recommendations in the current municipal plan;
- B. Minimize and prevent the loss of life and property, the disruption of commerce, the impairment of the tax base, and the extraordinary public expenditures and demands on public services that result from flooding-related inundation and erosion hazards.
- C. Ensure that the selection, design, creation, and use of development in flood hazard areas and river corridors is reasonably safe, accomplished in a manner that minimizes or eliminates the potential for loss and damage to life and property due to flooding-related inundation and erosion hazards, and does not impair stream equilibrium, floodplain services, or the river corridor.
- D. Manage all flood hazard areas designated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §§ 751 and 753.
- E. Make the **Town/City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_**, its citizens, and businesses eligible for federal flood insurance, federal disaster recovery funds, and hazard mitigation funds, as may be available.

### **IV. Other Provisions**

#### **A. Precedence of Bylaw**

The provisions of this bylaw shall not in any way impair or remove the necessity of compliance with any other local, state, or federal laws or regulations. Where this bylaw imposes a greater restriction the provisions here shall take precedence.

#### **B. Validity and Severability**

If any portion of this bylaw is held unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remainder of this bylaw shall not be affected.

#### **C. Warning of Disclaimer of Liability**

This bylaw does not imply that land outside of the areas covered by this bylaw will be free from flood or erosion damages. This bylaw shall not create liability on the part of the **Town/City/Village of \_\_\_\_\_**, or any municipal official or employee thereof, for any flood or erosion damages that result from reliance on this bylaw, or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.