



City of Wharton  
120 E. Caney Street ° Wharton, TX 77488  
Phone (409) 532-2491° Fax (409) 532-0181

January 11, 2006

Certified Letter No.:

## ***SAMPLE LETTER***

RE: *New Flood Maps*

Dear :

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has conducted a flood elevation determination for the new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) identifies the existing flood hazards in our community, including elevations of a flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood). FEMA has presented a copy of the FIRM and FIS for review. The City Staff has recently conducted a preliminary review of the proposed flood maps for the areas within the City limits that will be affected by the 100-year floodplain.

Based on the City Staff's review of the maps, it was determined that either a portion or all of your property, located \_\_\_\_\_ in the City of Wharton, will be located within the newly designated 100-year floodplain area. The new flood maps (FIRM) will become effective April 5, 2006.

Since your property was previously located within the 500-year floodplain and will now be located in the 100-year floodplain, it is advisable that you consider purchasing flood insurance, unless you currently carry flood insurance. If you do not have flood insurance, you will be able to purchase flood insurance at a lower rate prior to the April 5, 2006 deadline. If you wait until after April 5<sup>th</sup>, insurance premiums could be considerably higher. Please contact an insurance agency of your choice to receive more information concerning flood insurance for your property.

The City will be holding a Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Wharton Civic Center located at 1924 North Fulton, Wharton, Texas 77488. Representatives from FEMA will be present to provide more information to residents regarding the flood maps and to answer any questions.

The proposed flood maps can be viewed at City Hall located at 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas. You may also contact Building Official Ronnie Bollom or me at City Hall (979) 532-2491 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

CITY OF WHARTON

By:

Andres Garza, Jr.  
City Manager

AGJ:jj

cc: Honorable Mayor Bryce D. Kocian & City Councilmembers  
Paul Webb, City Attorney  
Ronnie Bollom, Building Official