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**FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN, MICHIGAN
ord. no. 11 eff. Mar. 18, 1980**

THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN, VAN BUREN COUNTY,
MICHIGAN, HEREBY ORDAINS:

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Sec. I. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION.

Township Rural Zoning Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 State of Michigan as amended delegated the responsibility to local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, and general welfare of its citizenry.
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THEREFORE THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

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Sec. II. DEFINITIONS.

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application.

1. **AREA OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD** means the land in the flood plain within a community subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year.
2. **BASE FLOOD** means the flood having a one percent chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year.
3. **DEVELOPMENT** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, mobile home placement, excavation or drilling operations located within the area of special flood hazard.
4. **FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM)** means the official map on which the Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards, and the risk premium zones applicable to the community.

5. **FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY** means the official report provided by the Federal Insurance Administration that includes flood profiles, Flood Boundary-Floodway Map, and the water surface elevation of the base flood.
6. **VARIANCE** means a grant of relief from the requirements of this ordinance which permits construction in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited by this ordinance.
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Sec. III. BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Insurance Administration in a scientific and engineering report entitled "THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HAVEN", dated May 15, 1980 with an accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary-Floodway Maps is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. The Flood Insurance Study is on file at the office of the Township Supervisor.
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Sec. IV. DESIGNATION AND DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.

The Supervisor of the Township of South Haven is hereby appointed administrator and is to review all development and subdivision proposals to insure compliance with this ordinance.
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Sec. V. DEVELOPMENT PROHIBITION.

All development shall be prohibited within areas of special flood hazard as established in Section 3 [17.053].
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