

## **POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Resolution 2016-07 on  
first and final reading.



# City and Borough of Sitka

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mark Gorman, Municipal Administrator  
Mayor McConnell and Members of the Assembly

**From:** Maegan Bosak, Planning and Community Development Director *MB*

**Subject:** Resolution 2016- 7 Support for Community Wide Hazard Mapping

**Date:** April 1, 2016

In the wake of the tragic landslide on August 18, 2015, CBS undertook a landslide study in the area directly affected by the South Kramer slide. Among other things, the landslide study identified low, medium and high risk zones in the study area, and made certain recommendations with respect to future development.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, The Planning Commission discussed (a) the possibility of community-wide landslide hazard mapping, and (b) CBS's possible enactment of additional land use regulations relating to landslides.

The pros and cons of landslide hazard mapping and further regulation include the following:

PROs	CONS
Greater availability of hazard information	Possible impact on property values and/or property sales
Possibly enhanced safety of persons and property	Possible limitations on property rights
Uniform community-wide standards	Possible impact on development costs

After lengthy public comment and deliberation, the Planning Commission unanimously passed a motion to recommend that the Assembly support community wide hazard mapping.

Currently, FEMA is considering a request from Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) to conduct a multi hazard assessment, including landslide mapping, avalanche and riverine flooding hazards. If approved, the resolution and supporting documents highlighting community support for the efforts, would be forwarded to FEMA.

Shannon and Wilson, the firm that conducted the South Kramer study, has estimated that it would cost approximately \$150,000 to complete community-wide landslide hazard mapping. (Some or all of this cost might be avoided if FEMA approves the DGGs request.)

Public comment heard at the March 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission was all in support of moving forward with hazard mapping, citing safety of life and property as the main reasons.

**Recommendation:** Approve the resolution.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY-WIDE LANDSLIDE HAZARD MAPPING

WHEREAS, as a result of the tragic landslides on August 18, 2015, residents of the City and Borough of Sitka are concerned of future landslide hazard risk throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, landslide risk mapping and additional regulations have many conclusive outcomes including greater availability of hazard information, possibly enhanced safety of persons and property, and uniform community-wide standards; and

WHEREAS, other consequences may include possible impact on property values, property rights and development costs, and other unforeseen impacts; and

WHEREAS, Citizen's concerns for safety of life and property outweigh other consequences; and

NOW FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the City and Borough of Sitka is supportive of community-wide landslide hazard mapping. The City and Borough of Sitka intends to collaborate with other agencies to identify funding opportunities and complete a community-wide hazard assessment.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk