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ORDINANCE # 07-3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE { Quorum Court } OF { Izard County }  
ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR  
{ Izard County } AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

**SECTION 1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

The Legislature of the State of Arkansas has in Ark. Code Ann. § 14-268-101 et seq., delegated the responsibility of local governmental units to adopt regulations to minimize flood losses. Therefore, the { Quorum Court } of { Izard County }, Arkansas, does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 2. FINDINGS OF FACT**

- A. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has identified Special Flood Hazard Areas of { Izard County } with an effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) dated { July 12, 1977 }.
- B. These Special Flood Hazard Areas are subject to periodic flooding events that result in loss of life and property, pose health and safety hazards, disrupt commerce and governmental services, and cause extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
- C. These periodic flooding events are exacerbated by the cumulative effect of floodplain developments which cause an increase in flood heights and velocities, and by the placement of inadequately elevated, inadequately floodproofed or otherwise unprotected structures or uses vulnerable to floods into Special Flood Hazard Areas. Such structures or uses are inherently hazardous to other lands because of their adverse impact on flooding events.

**SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to promote the public health, safety and general welfare, to prevent adverse impacts from any floodplain development activities, and to minimize public and private losses due to flooding events in identified Special Flood Hazard Areas. This ordinance advances the stated purpose through provisions designed to:

- A. Protect human life and health;
- B. Protect natural floodplains against unwise development;
- C. Eliminate adverse impacts of necessary floodplain development;
- D. Minimize expenditure of public monies on flood control projects;

