



DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT

CITY OF SYRACUSE, MAYOR BEN WALSH

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RE: Partial Tax Exemption for Residential Properties in FEMA Flood Zones

Dear Property Owner:

Your property may be eligible for an exemption. In order to qualify for the exemption the property must be:

- (1) Located in a special flood hazard area (SFHA);
- (2) Insured through a federally backed flood insurance policy; **AND**
- (3) Have no delinquent City taxes.

Further, the property must either be located in the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) or, if outside the NRSA, be owner occupied with a total household income of less than \$62,985 per year. Please contact the Assessment Department at 315-448-8280 for an application.

Because the City of Syracuse participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), subsidized-rate flood insurance is available to City residents. Through the NFIP, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works closely with private insurance companies to offer flood insurance to property owners and renters at subsidized rates.

The City of Syracuse is part of the NFIP Community Rating System (CRS) with the City's CRS rating recertified in 2020. This system rewards Syracuse for actively promoting sound floodplain management and working to reduce flood risks. Syracuse's CRS rating provides for a **flood insurance discount of 15 percent** for City residents required to purchase flood insurance. Make sure to confirm with your insurance agent that you are receiving this discount! **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING 315-448-8059.**

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