

**DAVISON COUNTY ORDINANCE # 001710-01**

**DAVISON COUNTY FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE I**

**STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS OF FACT, PURPOSE AND METHODS**

**SECTION A. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS Davison County elects to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-488, as amended). The National Flood Insurance Program, established in the aforesaid act, provides that areas of the county having a special flood hazard be identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and that floodplain management measures be applied in such flood hazard areas. The National Flood Insurance Program was broadened and modified with the passage of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and other legislative measures. It was further modified by the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994. The National Flood Insurance Program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

WHEREAS the Legislature of the State of South Dakota has delegated the responsibility to local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to minimize flood losses.

BE IT ORDAINED, pursuant to SDCL Chapter 9-36 and SDCL 7-18-14, Davison County, South Dakota, adopts the following Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:

**SECTION B. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The flood hazard areas of Davison County located outside of the boundaries of any municipalities are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, and extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
2. These flood losses are created by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains which cause an increase in flood heights and velocities, and by the occupancy of flood hazard areas by uses vulnerable to floods and hazardous to other lands because they are inadequately elevated, flood proofed or otherwise protected from flood damage.

**SECTION C. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**