

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGANA, GUAM

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78-20

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

WHEREAS, certain land areas of Guam are subject to flood conditions due to surface water drainage into sinkholes and low-lying basins, overflow of rivers and wetlands and stormwave inundation of coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, development within flood-prone areas in absence of adequate regulatory controls has historically resulted in recurring public expense for relief and repair of flood-damaged facilities; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled development within flood-prone areas creates conditions which are hazardous to human safety, health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, open space use and low-intensity activities within flood-prone areas are necessary for water quality management, aesthetic quality and maintenance of natural wetland and shoreline ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, ample land has been identified, outside flood-prone areas, to accommodate needed urban residential, commercial, industrial and other high-density or heavily populated uses of land; and

WHEREAS, the high costs of flood-proofing structures and flood control engineering projects within flood-prone areas is an unnecessary financial constraint to economic development; and

WHEREAS, responsible flood hazard area management is a requirement of the federally-subsidized National Flood Insurance Program which is an essential source of disaster relief during times of flood damage; and

WHEREAS, local agency coordination is essential in recognizing the intent of Presidential Executive Order 11988 which directs all federal agencies to take actions which will reduce the risks of flood losses, minimize adverse impacts on human safety, health and welfare, and to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, flood hazard areas are declared to be an area of particular concern in the planning and management of Guam's land and water resources and the Territorial Planning Commission is directed to:

1. Promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to meet the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and Guam's Coastal

Management Program in insuring that development in such floodplains does not endanger the public's health, safety and welfare.

2. Designate as floodplain areas of particular concern those areas of Guam delineated as floodplains under the National Flood Insurance Program and such other areas as recommended by the Subdivision and Development Review Committee.

This Executive Order shall be effective this date. Dated at Agana, Guam  
this 28th day of August, 1978.



RICARDO J. BORDALLO  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



RUDOLPH G. SABLAN  
Lieutenant Governor