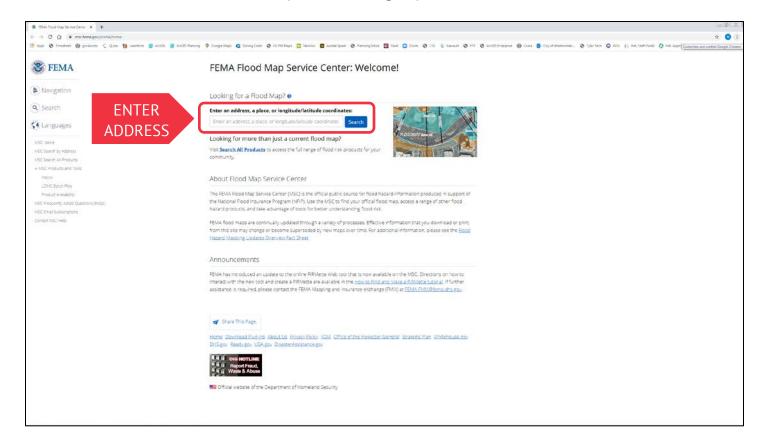


VERIFYING IF YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maintains an easy tool to determine if your property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Click on the link below or copy and paste the link into a web browser, and enter your address into the search field to find out.

https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home





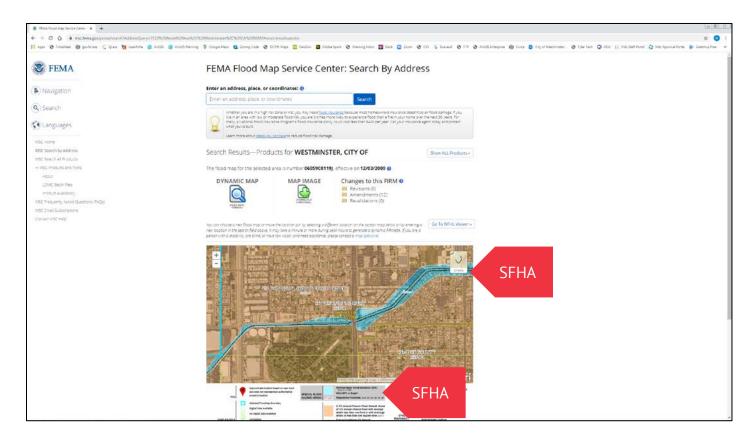
SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Once you enter your address, you will redirected to a map that looks like the screenshot below.

Flood hazard areas identified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) are labeled as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). SFHA are defined as the area that will be inundated by the flood event having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The 1-percent annual chance flood is also referred to as the base flood or 100-year flood.

SFHAs are labeled as Zone A, Zone AO, Zone AH, Zones A1-A30, Zone AE, Zone A99, Zone AR, Zone AR/AE, Zone AR/AO, Zone AR/A1-A30, Zone AR/A, Zone V, Zone VE, and Zones V1-V30.

Moderate flood hazard areas, labeled Zone B or Zone X (shaded) are also shown on the FIRM, and are the areas between the limits of the base flood and the 0.2-percent-annual-chance (or 500-year) flood. The areas of minimal flood hazard, which are the areas outside the SFHA and higher than the elevation of the 0.2-percent-annual-chance flood, are labeled Zone C or Zone X (unshaded).



CONSTRUCTION IN SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

When a property is located in the SFHA, all new construction or substantial improvement/damage that equals or exceeds 50% of the building's current value is required to comply with the City's floodplain regulations which require elevation of residential structures. Nonresidential structures may be elevated and/or flood proofed. A completed "Construction Drawing" elevation certificate (EC) must be part of your Building Plan. A completed "Finished Construction" EC must be submitted to and approved by the City prior to Building Final Inspection. Contact the Engineering Division at 714-548-3465 or 3466 for more information.