



CITY OF KENNER

News Release

E. "BEN" ZAHN III
MAYOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 5, 2020

CITY OF KENNER ACHIEVES PRESTIGIOUS CLASS 6 RATING FROM FEMA

Kenner, LA. – Kenner has earned its highest rating level in 49 years of participation in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Rating System (CRS) program on floodplain management projects.

According to FEMA literature, flood insurance premium discounts will be applied to eligible policies as recognition of the floodplain management activities instituted for both residences and businesses. For a Class 6 rating in the AE Zone, the discount is 20% on flood insurance and in X Zone it is 10%. These discounts will apply as of October 1, 2020.

Kenner has participated since 1971 in FEMA's Community Rating System ("CRS") that reviews four main areas in the management cycle of preparedness, response, and mitigation activities – public information, mapping and regulation, flood damage reduction, and flood preparedness. There are 18 different subsections with benchmarks and best practices, many of which have been integrated into Kenner's operational plans as well as normal activities.

Of all the cities, counties, states, and territories that participate in the United States, Kenner ties in rank with 220 cities like San Diego, Orlando, Phoenix, Anchorage, Napa, Palm Springs, Destin, and others. Only 130 cities in the country have one of the five levels above Kenner.

Mayor Ben Zahn is enthusiastic about this achievement for the community. "Not only does this mean lower flood insurance rates for the residents starting October 1 of this year," he states, "but the discount applies to our businesses that have flood insurance, too. I am proud that FEMA has recognized the team efforts of our employees. We are also implementing innovative and solid local strategies that will hopefully reduce flooding and, importantly, that tie in with larger regional planning initiatives and funding opportunities. This recognition shows our longer-term strategies that we initiated three years ago are giving benefits both now and for years to come."

FEMA CRS activities integrate aspects of Emergency Management as well as Inspections and Code Enforcement and Public Works. "I want to particularly thank Emergency Management for spearheading this project," said Mayor Zahn.

"More floodplain management program activity is coming in the months ahead," according to Assistant Director of Emergency Management Heather Hilliard. "We have grants for drainage improvements and educational information coming to homes, all designed to improve public health and safety in Kenner."

For more information on Kenner's Floodplain Management activities, the Kenner website (www.kenner.la.us) provides links to elevation certificates online, interactive flood maps, and more important information.

Visit us at: <http://www.kenner.la.us>



@CityofKenner



City of Kenner Government



CITY OF KENNER

News Release

E. "BEN" ZAHN III
MAYOR

###

Visit us at: <http://www.kenner.la.us>



@CityofKenner



City of Kenner Government