



INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE, INC.

1993 Meadowood Lane, Longs, SC 29568,

(843) 399-5127

ktodd@iso.com

October 17, 2011

Hakim Bayyoud
Chief Plans Examiner
100 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

Dear Mr. Bayyoud:

Enclosed are the preliminary results regarding credits for your Community Rating System (CRS) application for Beaufort County, South Carolina.

At the present time, I have verified 2209 credit points for Beaufort County. This results in a CRS Classification of 6. Attached are a draft verification report and a draft credit calculation worksheet AW-720 which contains an overall point summary. The information provided is subject to further review by Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) and acceptance by DHS/FEMA. You will receive confirmation of your final credits and class rating prior to the effective date of May 1, 2012.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation during my visit. If you have any further questions or when I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mandy Todd, AICP, CFM
ISO/CRS Specialist

C: Gary Kubic – County Administrator
Maria Lamm – South Carolina NFIP Coordinator
Rose Douglas – FEMA Region IV
William Trakimas – Insurance Services Office



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

BEAUFORT COUNTY, SC

Verified Class 6

NFIP Number: 450025

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: April 28, 2011

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 2209 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community improve from a CRS Class 7 to a CRS Class 6. The community has met the Class 6 prerequisite with a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 4/4. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates: The Building Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Elevation Certificates are also kept for post-FIRM buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (102 points)

Activity 320 – Map Information Service: Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), publicizing the service annually and maintaining records. (140 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: A community brochure is mailed annually to all properties in the community's Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The community also provides flood information through displays at public buildings. (167 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Credit is provided for state and community regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (10 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the Beaufort County Public Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (83 points)

Activity 410 – Additional Flood Data: Credit is provided for a cooperating technical partnership agreement with FEMA. (13 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 8768 acres in the SFHA as open space. (104 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require cumulative substantial improvement, protection of natural and beneficial functions, enclosure limits, land development criteria and state mandated regulatory standards. Credit is also provided for a BCEGS Classification of 4/4, the adoption and implementation of the International Series of Building Codes and for staff education and certification as a floodplain manager. (637 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using GIS maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. (147 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, soil and erosion control, and water quality. Credit is also provided for stormwater management master planning. (399 points)

Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of August 31, 2009, Beaufort County has 4 repetitive loss properties and is a Category B community for CRS purposes. All requirements for a Category B community have been met. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 540 – Drainage System Maintenance: A portion of the community's drainage system is inspected regularly throughout the year and maintenance is performed as needed by Beaufort County Public Works Department. Records are being maintained for both inspections and required maintenance. Credit is also provided for an ongoing Capital Improvements Program. The community also enforces a regulation prohibiting dumping in the drainage system. (300 points)

Activity 610 – Flood Warning Program: Credit is provided for a program that provides timely identification of impending flood threats, disseminates warnings to appropriate floodplain residents, and coordinates flood response activities. (67 points)

Activity 630 – Dam Safety: All South Carolina communities currently receive CRS credit for the State's dam safety program. (40 points)

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

CEO Name / Address:

Gary Kubic
County Administrator
100 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

CRS Coordinator Name / Address:

Hakim Bayyoud
Chief Plans Examiner
100 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901
(843) 255-2071

Date Report Prepared: October 17, 2011

DRAFT

Community : BEAUFORT COUNTY, SC

NFIP Number : 450025

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:

				Credit
c310	102			102
c320	140			140
c330	167			167
c340	10			10
c350	83			83
c360				
c410	10	x CGA	1.30 =	13
c420	80	x CGA	1.30 =	104
c430	490	x CGA	1.30 =	637
c440	113	x CGA	1.30 =	147
c450	307	x CGA	1.30 =	399
c510				
c520				
c530				
c540	300			300
c610	67			67
c620				
c630	40			40

722 Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above

cT = 2209

Community Classification (from Appendix C):

Class = 6

CEO Name/Address:

Gary Kubic
County Administrator
100 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

CRS Coordinator Name/Address:

Hakim Bayyoud
Chief Plans Examiner
100 Ribaut Road
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901
(843) 255-2071

Date Report Prepared: October 17, 2011