

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Adoption of the 2024-2029 Hazard Mitigation Plan
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the adoption of the 2024-2029 Hazard Mitigation Plan as requested by the city council so that the adoption and draft plan can then be sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for formal approval.
INITIATED BY:	Columbus/Muscogee County Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Recommendation: Approval is requested for the adoption of the 2024-2029 Hazard Mitigation Plan as requested by the city council so that the adoption and draft plan can then be sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for formal approval.

Background: An update is required every five years of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Muscogee County. This plan is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) before awarding any hazard mitigation grants as well as awarding any assistance following a declared disaster. Council approved an application for a pre-disaster mitigation grant which was awarded by GEMA/FEMA to draft the hazard mitigation plan update. The plan draft was submitted to GEMA and then FEMA. FEMA did pre-approve the draft plan and has indicated that now the process requires council to adopt the plan before sending it back to FEMA with the resolution for final plan approval. Once approved, this plan will be in place, subject to any amendments by council, until 2029.

Analysis: No additional funds are needed. This request is just to adopt the hazard mitigation plan.

Financial Considerations: There is no funding needed at this time. 75% of the cost of the plan was covered by a pre-disaster mitigation grant and the remaining 25% was match using in-kind funding through department personnel salaries.

Legal Considerations: This plan is required for future hazard mitigation grants and for FEMA grants related to mitigation and recovery of declared disasters.

Recommendation/Action: Adoption of the draft 2024-2029 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Muscogee County so that the same can be sent to FEMA for formal approval.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government recognize that it is threatened by several different types of natural and man-made hazards that can result in loss of life, property loss, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has required that every county and municipality have a pre-disaster mitigation plan in place, and requires the adoption of such plans in order to receive funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan is a community's plan for evaluating hazards, identifying resources and capabilities, selecting appropriate actions, and developing and implementing the preferred mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce future damage in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Consolidated Government Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 CFR 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan will be updated every five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Columbus Consolidated Government, Georgia, has adopted the Columbus Consolidated Government Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2024; and,
- 2) It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range mitigation planning and budgeting for the Columbus Consolidated Government.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the _____ day of _____ 2024 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Chambers voting	_____.
Councilor Cogle voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor Hickey voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor