



From the desk of the City Clerk...

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TO: Mayor John Dowless, Council President Richard Alan Horn and Councilmembers Ben Pierce, Lee Chotas, Chris Rader and Susan Lomas

CC: Police Chief John Freeburg and Deputy City Clerk Sandy Riffle

DATE: January 13, 2022

RE: ¹Local Mitigation Plan

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews and approves state, tribal and local hazard mitigation plans, which are required as a condition for states and communities to receive certain types of disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. State mitigation plans must be approved every five years, and local and tribal mitigation plans must be approved at least once every five years. Jurisdictions must participate in an LMS through an adoption resolution in order to receive federal mitigation grant funding. Approval of Resolution 2022-01 will allow the City of Edgewood to piggy-back on to the County's multi-jurisdictional plan, which makes the City eligible for FEMA funds should the City suffer catastrophic damages due to tornados, hurricanes, floods or other disasters.

Please note that Council approved prior mitigation plans in 2002 and 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: To reduce the City's vulnerability to natural disasters, approval of this Resolution is recommended.

¹ The Local Mitigation Strategy Plan can be found on the City's website under the Agenda tab. The Plan consists of 303 pages.

Resolution 2022-01
Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewood is vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural, technological and societal disasters;

WHEREAS, the Edgewood City Council recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating those vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5165, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provides for States and local governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing risks to natural hazards through mitigation planning;

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has implemented various hazard mitigation planning provisions through regulation at 44.CFR 201.6 requiring local governments to have a FEMA approved Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) in order to apply for and/or receive project grants;

WHEREAS, 44 CFR 201.6(d)(3) requires local jurisdictions to review and revise their LMS to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval within five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding;

WHEREAS, the representatives and staff of the City of Edgewood have identified, justified and prioritized a number of proposed projects and programs needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities to the impacts of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, these proposed projects and programs have been incorporated into the 2009 edition of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities of Orange County.

Now therefore, be it resolved on this 18th Day of January, 2022, that,

1. The City of Edgewood hereby accepts and approves its designated portion of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy,
2. The staff of City of Edgewood are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposals designated therein,

3. The City of Edgewood will, upon receipt of such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposals contained in its section of the strategy, and
4. The City of Edgewood will continue to participate in the updating and expansion of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy in the years ahead, and
5. The City of Edgewood will further seek to encourage the businesses, industries and community groups operating within and/or for the benefit of City of Edgewood to also participate in the updating and expansion of the Orange County Local Mitigation Strategy in the years ahead.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Edgewood held Edgewood City Hall 405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, FL 32809, on the 18th day of January 22.

Richard A. Horn, Council President

ATTEST:

Bea Meeks, City Clerk