



CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action approving a resolution adopting and implementing the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Emergency Operations Plan.

DATE: August 15, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PRESENTED BY: Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The City Council at the August 1, 2024 meeting approved the first reading of an ordinance amending City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code Chapter 1.06 Emergency Operations resulting in clarifying changes to interjurisdictional cooperation scope and changing the term "Emergency Management" to "Emergency Operations."

Adoption of this resolution formally integrates the recent changes to City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code Chapter 1.06 into the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

Mayor Maxton appointed an Emergency Management Committee on September 21, 2023 "to establish the overall framework for integration and coordination of emergency management and activities in order to facilitate coordinated response to any emergency or event in the Community requiring a local response or multi-agency response or support." The committee met multiple times between January 2024 and July 2024 to develop the plan.

This EOP identifies local agencies and partner organizations that provide command and coordination capabilities for an emergency or event and describes how command and response components are organized and managed. The plan provides guidance to all departments on the City Staff and details general roles and responsibilities of local departments and partnering stakeholders before, during, and following an emergency or event. It identifies lines of authority and organizational relationships for the management of emergency response actions, describes how people and property are protected in an emergency or disaster, and identifies legal authority. Finally, the purpose of this plan is to prescribe those initial activities to be taken by the City Officials to protect the lives and property of all the citizens of Fair Oaks Ranch in the event of a natural or human-caused emergency or disaster, and to satisfy the requirement that the City of Fair Oaks Ranch has an effective and operational emergency management plan.

The EOP is intended to accomplish the following goals:

- Assign responsibilities to agencies, organizations and individuals for carrying out specific actions during an emergency or event.
- Detail the methods and procedures to be used by designated personnel to assess emergencies and take appropriate actions to save lives and reduce injuries, prevent or minimize damage to public and private property, and protect the environment.

- Provide a process by which emergency response personnel and local government staff can efficiently and effectively prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.
- Identify lines of authority and coordination for the management of an emergency or event.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

1. Consistent with the City's Strategic Action Plan pillar for Public Health and Safety, Section 4.5 Establishment of Formal Emergency Operations Plan.
2. Complies with the requirements of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances Chapter 1; Division 2; Section 1.06.033 Emergency Operations Plan.
3. Complies with Texas Government Code Chapter 418 Emergency Management.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Approved as to form by City Attorney Office.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve the resolution adopting and implementing the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Emergency Operations Plan.