



CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of the second reading of an ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 "General Provisions," Article 1.06 "Emergency Management," Division 2 "Emergency Management Program"

DATE: August 15, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

PRESENTED BY: Consent Item - Gregory C. Maxton, Mayor

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

The State of Texas mandates that all municipalities adopt and maintain an Emergency Management Ordinance to ensure the safety and well-being of their residents during disasters and emergencies. This requirement is outlined in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, which calls for the establishment of a local emergency management program to coordinate efforts in response to various types of emergencies.

In accordance with this state mandate, the City of Fair Oaks Ranch adopted an emergency management ordinance in October 1990. The City of Fair Oaks Ranch amended the Emergency Management Ordinance in 2005 to formally adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Due to the city's extensive growth, evolving risks, and the need for a more comprehensive approach to emergency management, it has become necessary to amend the existing ordinance. The proposed amendment will incorporate the minor changes in terminology for section 1.06.033 that emphasize operations over management. Additionally, the proposed amendment will incorporate changes to section 1.06.034 that authorize the Mayor to join with county judges for Bexar, Comal, and Kendall counties, as well as the mayors of other municipalities for coordination and cooperation in joint emergency management and response.

The first reading of this ordinance was approved at the August 1, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

The amendment to the Emergency Management ordinance and future adoption of the Emergency Operations Plan coincides with the City's Strategic Action Plan pillar for Public Health and Safety, section 4.5 to Establish a Formal Emergency Response Plan.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

N/A

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Approved as to form by City Attorney Office.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent Item - I move to approve the second reading of the ordinance amending the City of Fair Oaks Ranch Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 "General Provisions," Article 1.06 "Emergency Management," Division 2 "Emergency Management Program;" and providing for a severability clause and effective date.