

RESOLUTION 2023-065
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
APPROVING THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

WHEREAS, by adoption of Ordinance No. 40, 1990, the City Council created the Office of Emergency Management (“OEM”) and the Disaster Council, and enacted City Code provisions delineating the emergency powers, authorities and responsibilities of the City Manager and calling for the Disaster Council to develop and adopt an Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”); and

WHEREAS, the City’s EOP has been updated several times since 1990, the most recent being in 2014; however, it is not clear that it has ever been formally approved by the City Council, despite a reference in the City Code to the Emergency Operations Plan being adopted by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 City officials decided to transfer emergency management responsibilities from PFA to a dedicated office within the City reporting to the City Manager, and the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Security (“EPS”) was established in January 2020, just prior to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, for the last few years EPS staff has been working on a complete revision of the EOP, and related amendments to the City Code, to make the EOP consistent with current industry best practices as well as State of Colorado and Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) standards, and reflect current City operating practices, guidelines, and integration with regional partners; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the revised EOP is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council on June 6, 2023, approved on First Reading Ordinance No. 084, 2023, making amendments to Article IX of Chapter 2 of the City Code regarding emergency management, and has considered such Ordinance on Second Reading concurrently with this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to Article IX of Chapter 2 specify that the EOP should be developed by the Director of EPS rather than the Disaster Council, adopted by the City Manager and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, following such adoption and approval, for the sake of expediency the City Manager can update the EOP as needed to maintain the emergency preparedness of the City, provided the City Manager submits the EOP to the City Council for approval at least once every five years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having reviewed the revised EOP and Ordinance No. 084, 2023, finds that implementation of the revised EOP is in the best interests of the City and the health, safety and welfare of its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby makes and adopts the determinations and findings contained in the recitals set forth above.

Section 2. That the City Council hereby approves the City's Emergency Operations Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A, along with such updates as the City Manager determines are necessary and appropriate to maintain the emergency preparedness of the City.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 20th day of June, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Deputy City Clerk