



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JUNE 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Approval of the Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement, an inter-governmental agreement between Oakland County communities

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Rapid Damage Assessment in disaster situations is important to receive State and Federal support and assistance
- The City has the option to request or provide resources to partners

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Damage assessment is the evaluation of buildings and structures to determine the nature and extent of damage and the cost of repairs that are the result of a disaster or emergency. It is key that this information is provided to Oakland County, the State of Michigan and the Federal Government to receive State or Federal aid. This information must be provided quickly, usually within 48 hours for initial estimates.

The Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement is an agreement between communities in Oakland County. This agreement will allow a community to receive assistance from Damage Assessment Services from other communities during an emergency. Inspectors from other communities who would evaluate the nature and extent of damage to buildings and structures resulting from a disaster or emergency. Depending on the scope and type of disaster a community could either be in need of help or be providing help to another community.

While we hope there is never a need for this type of assistance, preparation is critical. This agreement will allow the City of Novi to provide or receive help in the event of an emergency. It will help the City of Novi and other communities in Oakland County to respond quickly and provide the information necessary to receive State or Federal aid. City of Novi Cert Team members are also trained in Damaged Assessment but would not provide any backup assistance to other counties. It is important to note

that the City of Novi would not be compelled to either request or provide assistance in any situation.

As with other Mutual Aid Agreements, the City of Novi will need a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Oakland County Building Officials Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement. Legal counsel has reviewed this matter and opines that there is no legal impediment which precludes the City of Novi from executing this agreement.

This resolution effectively replaces the previous resolution of July 2020.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Oakland County Building Officials Association Damage Assessment Mutual Aid Agreement and authorization for Mayor and City Clerk to sign on behalf of the City of Novi