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MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Mayor, Duane Jirik; Members of the City Council, Shawn Ryan, Maggie Bass, Bruce Wolf, Rik Seiler and City Administrator, Joshua Tetzlaff

From: Tim Applen, Police Chief / Emergency Manager

Date: October 28, 2024

Subject: Adoption of Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to human life and property from hazards. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has made reducing hazards one of its primary goals; hazard mitigation planning and the subsequent implementation of resulting projects, measures, and policies is a primary mechanism in achieving FEMA's goal.

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. It begins with state, tribal and local governments identifying natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities that are common in their area. After identifying these risks, they develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction.

The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) is a requirement of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). The development of a local government plan is required in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs. In order for communities to be eligible for future mitigation funds, they must adopt an MHMP.

The Scott County MHMP was updated in March of 2021, the city did not adopt the plan at that time. I am currently on the multi-hazard mitigation steering committee, the MHMP will be updated and published in March 2026. The MHMP will be updated every 5 years to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs, while also identifying and planning for disaster and hazard mitigation in Scott County.

Recommendation: Adopt the current Scott County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.