



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 21 for 2025 – Adopting the 2025 Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Preferred Agenda: September 23, 2025

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Type of Action: Motion ☒ Resolution ☐ Reading ☐ Roll Call ☐

Relevant Code/Policy: Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
44 CFR 201
2022 Sweet Home Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Towards Council Goal: Desirable Community, Effective Government, Infrastructure, Essential Services, Economic Strength

Attachments: Resolution No. 21 for 2025
FEMA Adoption Process Letter
2025 Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (Draft)

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to adopt the 2025 Linn County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP).

Background/Context:

Federal law requires that jurisdictions maintain an approved NHMP in order to receive federal funds for mitigation projects and post-disaster programs. The City's NHMP was last updated in 2022 through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

The City was approached by the Department of Land Conservation (DLCD) in August 2024 with an offer to join a multi-jurisdictional effort under Linn County, with each participating organization to work with DLCD to develop an addendum specific to their community.

The Challenge/Problem:

From August 2024 to February 2025, senior City staff worked with DLCD to incorporate Sweet Home's current NHMP into a draft addendum specific to Sweet Home within the larger Linn County plan. If the City chooses not to adopt this revised plan and addendum, set to expire in 2030, the City's current plan will expire in 2027 and will likely need to find its own funding and consultant support to conduct a Sweet Home-only update. If the City does not meet this deadline, it may become ineligible for federal disaster-related funding.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

Typically, jurisdictions must cover 25% of the cost of updating the plan. The State of Oregon covered the local portion, so the plan was updated at no cost to the City or to other local partners. Adoption and maintenance of updated plans allow the City to be eligible for pre- and post-disaster federal funding.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Adoption of a plan to ensure the City's continued access to disaster-related funding while minimizing impact to staff and the budget.

Options:

1. Do nothing: The City's existing plan will remain in place and expire in 2027, requiring updates and re-adoption at that time.
2. Move to approve Resolution No. 21 for 2025 as presented: City staff will provide the approved Resolution to the State to finalize Sweet Home's addendum to the Linn County plan, with the plan's expiration pushed out to 2030.
3. Move to approve Resolution No. 21 for 2025 with amendments: Direct staff to modify the Resolution or the Sweet Home addendum to the Linn County plan. This may trigger an additional round of mandatory federal review.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option #2: Move to approve Resolution No. 21 for 2025 as presented.