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1 **R2021-29: A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH**  
2 **DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN 2021**

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3 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / to request Council approve & adopt the City of Myrtle Beach  
4 Disaster Recovery Plan 2021  
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6 **Brief:**

- 7 • According to FEMA, local governments have the primary role of planning and managing  
8 all aspects of their community’s recovery.
- 9 • The Recovery Framework acknowledges that recovery depends heavily on local  
10 planning, local leadership, and the whole community of stakeholders who support  
11 recovery.
- 12 • Communities need to be ready to act with recovery plans in hand in the fast-moving  
13 post-disaster period. The rapid change brought on by a disaster requires an equally  
14 rapid and adaptable post-disaster recovery process so communities are able to take  
15 advantage of opportunities to rebuild smarter.
- 16 • This short and long range disaster recovery plan will build on the City of Myrtle Beach  
17 Emergency Operations Plan and the individual department’s emergency preparedness  
18 plans.
- 19 • The Recovery Plan is both a planning and an operations-based document that provides  
20 guidance for the short- and long-term aspects of recovery from a major disaster.
- 21 • This plan provides organizations involved in recovery with resources and operational  
22 guidance to recover from emergencies causing a significant impact to infrastructure,  
23 housing, the economy, and the health, social, cultural, historical, and environmental  
24 framework of the community.
- 25 • This plan will outline partners’ activities and organization to promote recovery from an  
26 incident.  
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28 **Issues:**

- 29 • Recovery initiatives are the activities that take place during and after the disaster  
30 response phase of emergency management.
- 31 • Recovery involves meeting both the short-term and long-term needs of the community.
- 32 • Much of the support required for an effective response to community needs and  
33 recovery implementation tasks involves the coordination and administration of federal  
34 and state disaster assistance.
- 35 • This document should be applicable to any disaster, regardless of scope, size, or  
36 classification (e.g., presidentially declared disaster), but should also be scaled and  
37 updated appropriately.  
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39 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.  
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41 **Alternatives:** None considered. A comprehensive disaster recovery plan is essential to the  
42 short and long term recovery efforts of the City and the community.  
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44 **Financial Impact:** According to NOAA, in 2021 (as of October 8), there have been 18  
45 weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion per event. These events  
46 included: 1 drought, 2 floods, 9 severe storms, 4 tropical cyclones, 1 wildfire, and 1 winter  
47 storm. Overall, these events resulted in the deaths of 538 people.  
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49 **Manager’s Recommendation:**

- 50 • I recommend approval.  
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52 **Attachment(s):** Proposed resolution.

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**CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**TO ADOPT THE CITY OF MYRTLE  
BEACH DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN  
2021**

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency if accomplished properly, planning provides a methodical way to engage the whole community in thinking through the lifecycle of a potential crisis, determining required capabilities and establishing a framework for roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, with a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration the City contracted with Atkins Global Consulting to coordinate the development of a short and long term disaster recovery plan with input from the City’s Emergency Management Division and other City Departments, county/state/federal emergency management agencies, hospitals, colleges and universities, chamber, hospitality association, regional council of governments, economic development agencies, and numerous non-profit agencies involved in disaster recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach Disaster Recovery Plan 2021 provides a flexible and scalable framework for organization and decision making before, during, and after all-hazard incidents causing a significant impact to infrastructure, housing, the economy, and the health, social, cultural, historical, and environmental framework of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides guidance for the City in coordination with local, state, and federal government agencies as well as non-governmental organizations to coordinate the federal, state, local, and private sector recovery from the long-term consequences of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to: 1) Outline a framework potentially used to assist communities in rebuilding after a disaster while increasing the communities’ ability to recover from future disasters and 2) Provide the coordination necessary for the recovery efforts of the City with other government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides a draft Recovery Ordinance, for City Department and City Council consideration, establishing regulations for the orderly recovery of residents, businesses, and property in the city after a disaster and recommendations for the establishment of a Recovery Task Force to provide a coordination mechanism to oversee the recovery and reconstruction process serving as an advisory committee to the City of Myrtle Beach Emergency Management Division and other personnel responsible for recovery activities.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council:

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3 1. Reaffirms its commitment to short and long term disaster recovery efforts.

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5 2. Hereby adopts the City of Myrtle Beach Disaster Recovery Plan 2021, and directs the  
6 City Manager to work with the Emergency Management Division in preparing a Recovery  
7 Ordinance for City Council's consideration and the establishment of a Recovery Task  
8 Force.

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10 3. Thank you to Eric DiLorenzo and Travis Glatki, other City staff and outside agencies  
11 and organizations that assisted in the development of this document and continue to work  
12 toward making the City of Myrtle Beach a resilient city.

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14 SIGNED, SEALED, AND DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

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16 ATTEST:

SIGNED:

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21 JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR