

June 23, 2020 – Presented for Approval.

R2020-28: TO ESTABLISH A FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT & HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Applicant/Purpose: Staff/ to establish a floodplain management & hazard mitigation planning committee

Brief:

- City of Myrtle Beach established Floodplain Management & Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee in 1988 as part of the Floodplain Mitigation program.
- Committee includes staff, private sector & public “at large” reps appointed by City’s Flood Plain Coordinator who also serves as Committee Chair.
- Committee’s role:
 - Meet annually to report activities accomplished in preceding 12 months to reduce flooding, better protect property, or improve response times after hurricanes, etc.
 - Meet every 5 yrs. as required to update the plan for the sufficient number of times required to address all sections of the plan.
 - Include representatives from the City from planning, public works, emergency management, construction services, risk manager, & police department.
 - Maintain at least 50% of the members representatives of the public or key stakeholders.
 - Recommends additional actions to reduce flood damage.
 - Formulates action plan for Council’s approval.
 - Implement actions approved by Council.
- FEMA now requests separate establishment of Committee through proposed resolution.
- Proposed resolution recognizes Floodplain Management & Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee as responsible for identifying & evaluating hazard risks & for determining ways to mitigate impacts.

Issues:

- FEMA’s CRS (Community Rating System) recognizes 10 “Classes” based on City’s floodplain management risks & mitigation efforts.
- City’s current rating is Class 5 requiring 2,501 CRS points.
- Passage of proposed resolution increases CRS points.
- Prerequisite for a Class 4 CRS community.

Public Notification: Normal meeting notification.

Alternatives: None considered.

Financial Impact: No direct City impact. Class 5 rating results in 25% reduction in flood insurance for properties in flood plain & 10% outside floodplain (relative to Class 10 which receives no discount).

Manager’s Recommendation: I recommend approval.

Attachment(s): Proposed resolution.

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH
COUNTY OF HORRY
STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AND
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Myrtle Beach is a participant in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, because of the city's participation in the CRS, owners in flood plains in the city have enjoyed a 25% reduction in flood insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, because of the city's participation in the CRS, owners outside of flood plains in the city have enjoyed a 10% reduction in optional flood insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee shall guide the development, implementation, and revisions of the plan where deemed necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Floodplain Management and Hazard Mitigation Plan Planning Committee is hereby approved and adopted.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 23rd day of June, 2020.

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDSEY HARING, ACTING CITY CLERK