

Resolution R-2006-028

Adopting the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina

Whereas, the City of Columbia recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

Whereas, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding of mitigation projects; and

Whereas, the City of Columbia participated jointly in the planning process with the other units of government in the Central Midlands region of South Carolina to prepare an all hazards mitigation plan; and,

Whereas, the City of Columbia is aware that revision and updating of the plan is critical for active and effective hazard mitigation and that the City of Columbia will monitor and record hazard related data and events that can be used to update the all natural hazards mitigation plan; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, this 21st day of June, 2006, that the City of Columbia Council hereby adopts the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region as an official plan and will undertake annual recording of hazard events, their impact, duration, and any expenditures made to remediate hazard events.

Requested by:

Central Midlands Council of Governments



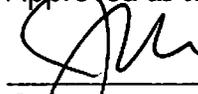
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City Manager

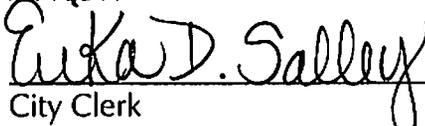
Approved as to form:



City Attorney

Introduced: 6/21/2006
Final Reading: 6/21/2006

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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July 7, 2006

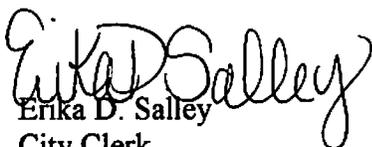
Mr. John A. Huffman, AICP
Planner and Grants Administrator
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Dear Mr. Huffman:

On June 21, 2006 the Columbia City Council voted unanimously to approve *Resolution No.: 2006-028 – Adopting the All Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan for the Central Midlands Region of South Carolina*. A certified copy is enclosed for your records.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Office of the City Clerk at 545.3043 or the Office of Homeland Security at 545.3391.

Thank you,


Erika D. Salley
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harold Reaves, Deputy Director of Homeland Security
Mr. Howard Lederfind, Emergency Operations Center

"Everybody counts, Everybody contributes, Everybody benefits."



June 14, 2006

Mr. Charles P. Austin, City Manager
Columbia City Hall
1737 Main Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Austin:

I received an email today from Lauren Wise of the S. C. Emergency Management Division of the Adjutant General's Office about adoption of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan completed last year. They inform me that your municipality has not yet adopted the plan and should adopt it via the enclosed resolution. If you have adopted it already, please fax or email me the resolution. Adoption will enable you to apply for hazard mitigation funds for problems you may have. A full copy of the plan is found on the Central Midlands website at www.centralmidlands.org for your review.

Adoption of the plan will not cost you any funds but will require you to keep up with disaster events.

We sent you a CD with the plan on it last year and ask that you review it online now.

If you would like me to come and speak with you about it, I would be happy to do so. I do request that you use the enclosed resolution to adopt the plan at your next council meeting.

The following are some information points that will help explain why we are requesting your help.

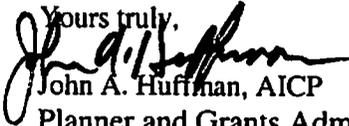
- Adoption of the Natural Hazards Risk Assessment and Hazard Mitigation Plan makes the unit of government eligible for 75/25 hazard mitigation grants through the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- The plan contains useful information on the types of hazards affecting each jurisdiction and the possible occurrence of these hazards in each jurisdiction
- The plan contains for each jurisdiction a simple action plan with no unfunded mandates addressing the natural hazards affecting it. For example, a city or county will commit to control types and extent of development in floodplains and floodways to stay eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program.
- The adoption of the plan means that each jurisdiction will keep better records of natural hazard events and the cost of remediating them. This information will be useful when the plan is revised in 5 years.
- The plan was prepared using a Core Planning Team of local officials working with Central Midlands' staff and committees in each county consisting of representatives of each participating jurisdiction.

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The burden of compliance with the planning process will not be great for you and can be coordinated with the county.

I highly recommend that you adopt the plan via the enclosed resolution and send it back to me as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

John A. Huffman, AICP
Planner and Grants Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Lauren Wise, S. C. Emergency Management Division