

RESOLUTION NO. 030-21R

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2020 ERIE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION BY CITY REPRESENTATIVES IN THE MITIGATION CORE GROUP AND DECLARING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CITY CHARTER.

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within the City of Sandusky have historically been subjected to the effects of natural hazards and manmade hazard events that pose threats to lives and cause damages to property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sandusky desires to seek ways to mitigate the risks from known natural hazards, reducing the impact on people and property; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Erie County received a grant to develop a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the County and participating jurisdictions culminating in the adoption of that by the Erie County Commissioners on October 13, 2005, and by the City Commission by Resolution 024-06R, passed on May 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was later updated and the City Commission adopted the updated Erie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan by Resolution 004-156R, passed on January 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan has been updated after over a year of work by government organizations and participating jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Erie County and all jurisdictions within have been charged by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the responsibility of developing a hazard mitigation plan aimed at reducing the community's vulnerability to natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Sandusky to fulfill this obligation and show support for the importance of mitigation in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, this Plan is the latest successor to the hazard mitigation planning efforts and presents an evaluation of the potential negative consequences of natural hazards that may affect Erie County and proposes strategies that will reduce or mitigate losses; and

WHEREAS, adoption and implementation of this plan ensures that Erie County and participating jurisdictions continue to be eligible to apply for and receive certain Federal grant funds that are administered by the State of Ohio (OEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and this plan complies with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and its

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implementing regulations published in Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 201.6; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, the Board of Erie County Commissioners approved the updated 2020 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be passed as an emergency measure under suspension of the rules in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter in order to be compliant with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, satisfy the requirements of FEMA and Ohio EMA and thereby not jeopardize any potential future mitigation funding for the City; and

WHEREAS, in that it is deemed necessary in order to provide for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, and its citizens, and to provide for the efficient daily operation of Municipal Departments of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio, finds that an emergency exists regarding the aforesaid, and that it is advisable that this **Resolution** be declared an emergency measure which will take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter upon its adoption; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANDUSKY, OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. This City Commission approves and adopts the 2020 Erie County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as the City of Sandusky's Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorizes and directs the City Manager to take any action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the strategies outline with the Plan which is on file in the offices of the Director of Public Works and the Clerk of the City Commission.

Section 2. If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. This City Commission finds and determines that all formal actions of this City Commission concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this City Commission and that all deliberations of this City Commission and of any of its committees that resulted in

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those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 4. That for the reasons set forth in the preamble hereto, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure which shall take immediate effect in accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter after its adoption and due authentication by the President and the Clerk of the City Commission of the City of Sandusky, Ohio.



RICHARD R. BRADY
PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION



ATTEST:

MCKENZIE E. SPRIGGS
CLERK OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Passed: June 14, 2021