

Resolution No. 19-111

A resolution to approve the formation of the Floodplain Program for Public Information Committee for the Community Rating System Program update

WHEREAS, the flood hazard in the City of Arlington historically has caused significant hardship with property damage and natural resources damage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, the NFIP has been effective in requiring new building to be protected from damage by the 1% annual chance flood, or base flood. However, flood damage still results from floods that exceed the base flood, flooding in unmapped areas, and flooding that affects buildings constructed before the community joined the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, communities can be rewarded for adopting higher regulatory standards above the minimum NFIP requirements by joining the Community Rating System (CRS) Program. The CRS Program recognizes, encourages, and rewards – by using flood insurance premium adjustments – community and state activities that go beyond the minimum requirements of the NFIP to reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property, strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and foster comprehensive floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance premiums for NFIP policyholders in the City, for both residents and businesses, are discounted to reflect the community's effort to reduce flood damage to existing buildings, manage development in areas not mapped by NFIP, protect new buildings beyond the minimum NFIP requirements, preserve and/or restore natural floodplain functions of floodplains, and encourage residents to obtain flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, public input and outreach is an integral part of the City's CRS program and the formation of the City's Floodplain Program for Public Information (PPI) Committee to develop a PPI plan that improves flood hazard outreach and education initiatives for the CRS Program; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, TEXAS:

I.

That all of the recitals contained in the preamble of this resolution are found to be true and are adopted as findings of fact by this governing body and as part of its official record.

II.

That the Committee to formulate the City of Arlington's Floodplain Program for Public Information is approved.

III.

That the Floodplain PPI Committee will consist of a total of 10 members chosen by City Staff:

- 2 City Staff members from Public Works and Transportation;
- 1 City staff member from Office of Communication;
- 1 Insurance Agent; and
- 6 representatives from the public in Arlington, that can include, but is not limited to, residents who live in the floodplain, utility companies, major employers, real estate agents, mortgage lenders, or home owner's association representatives.

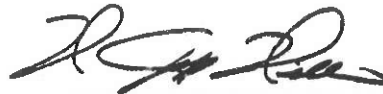
IV.

That the Committee will have the authority to develop any procedures to effectively schedule and complete the work required to produce a PPI plan and will present the plan for City Council's review in approximately 12 months from passage of this resolution.

V.

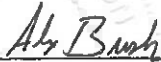
That the Committee has the authority to take such other action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objective of formulating the City of Arlington's Floodplain Program for Public Information Committee and report on progress to Council as needed.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the 23rd day of April, 2019, by a vote of 9 ayes and 0 nays at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arlington, Texas.



W. JEFF WILLIAMS, Mayor

ATTEST:



ALEX BUSKEN, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
TERIS SOLIS, City Attorney

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