

Resolution No. 20-019

A resolution approving the Floodplain Program for Public Information Plan for the community rating system program

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 buildings 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, from flooding in unmapped areas, and from 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.) CRS 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, on April 23, 2019, City Council approved Resolution No. 19-111 adopting the formation of the City's Floodplain Program for Public Information Committee to develop a Floodplain Program for Public Information (PPI) Plan that improves flood hazard outreach and education initiatives for the CRS Program; and

WHEREAS, public input and outreach is an integral part of the City's CRS program, the City's Floodplain Program for Public Information Committee developed the 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 the Floodplain Program for Public Information Plan developed by the City of Arlington's Floodplain Program for Public Information Committee is approved in its entirety.

II.

That the City of Arlington will implement the outreach projects and actions specified in the Floodplain Program for Public Information Plan.

III.

That the Floodplain Program for Public Information Plan will be reviewed at least annually; and that any needed adjustments will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

IV.

That the City of Arlington agrees to take such other action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives designated in the Floodplain Program for Public Information Plan and report on progress as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

V.

A substantial copy of said Floodplain Program for Public Information Plan is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all intents and purposes.

PRESENTED AND PASSED on this the 28th day of January, 2020, by a vote of 8 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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