

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-31

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF TARPON SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PINELLAS COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY.

WHEREAS, The City of Tarpon Springs is located in an area that is vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, The City of Tarpon Springs supports efforts to make our community more disaster-resistant, thereby reducing the costs of disasters, preventing or mitigating their impact to our residents, and reducing time needed for recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy represents a unified county-wide strategy toward a more disaster resistant community; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy provides the consistent framework for future pre-disaster mitigation efforts and post-disaster redevelopment, regardless of the type of future threat faced by our community; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy includes a section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the first unified county-wide Local Mitigation Strategy was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and its Municipalities in 1999, and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County established a website (www.pinellaslms.org) and copies of the plan were made available through all participating local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners and its Municipalities have previously approved three five-year updates to the Local Mitigation Strategy (Resolution 04-165, Resolution 10-60 and Resolution 15-30), and

WHEREAS, after a review and update period, the Executive Summary of the 2020 draft Local Mitigation Strategy has been placed on the LMS public website and copies of the Plan are available upon request to the Pinellas County Planning Department in order to obtain public comment regarding the plan pursuant to Federal Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 update of the Local Mitigation Strategy included the 10-step planning process which is consistent with FEMA's multi-hazard mitigation planning regulations pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and serves as the City's Floodplain Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs actively participated in a Multi-Jurisdictional Program for Public Information which is hereby adopted and included as Appendix H of the Local Mitigation Strategy to satisfy the floodplain management requirements of the City's Community Rating System (CRS Activity 330); and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County's Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) is included as Appendix I; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs 2018 "Flood Plain Management Planning" document and 2019 Flood Plain Management Plan Annual Report, which collectively includes the City of Tarpon Springs Repetitive Loss Area Analysis are hereby adopted and included as Appendix J of the Local Mitigation Strategy to satisfy floodplain management requirements of the City's Community Rating System (CRS Activity 510); and

WHEREAS, the City of Tarpon Springs 2018 Flood Plain Management Plan includes the 2015 Pinellas County LMS as a reference document, which is hereby replaced by reference with the 2020 Pinellas County LMS; and

WHEREAS, two publicly noticed workshops were held at a central location in Pinellas County on March 21st, and October 17th, 2019 at the Lealman Exchange (5175 45th Street N. St Petersburg) to inform the public and obtain public comments; and

WHEREAS, an online and paper survey were released to gain public input on the LMS plan's hazard identification and risk assessment; and

WHEREAS, an online tool was released using ESRI Storymap (<https://arcg.is/15a1yi>) to increase understanding of the LMS Plan and gain public input.

WHEREAS, upon adoption of this resolution the plan will be in effect from May 06, 2020 until May 05, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, at a duly assembled meeting held on the 4th day of AUGUST, 2020, that the Board hereby adopts the Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy developed by the Local Mitigation Strategy Workgroup. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

CHRIS ALAHOUZOS, MAYOR

JACOB KARR, VICE MAYOR

TOWNSEND TARAPANI, COMMISSIONER

CONNOR DONOVAN, COMMISSIONER

COSTA S. VATIKIOTIS, COMMISSIONER

MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER DONOVAN
SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER VATIKIOTIS

VOTE ON MOTION

COMMISSIONER VATIKIOTIS	<u>Yes</u>
COMMISSIONER DONOVAN	<u>Yes</u>
COMMISSIONER TARAPANI	<u>Yes</u>
VICE MAYOR KARR	<u>Yes</u>
MAYOR ALAHOUZOS	<u>Absent</u>

ATTEST:

IRENE S. JACOBS, CMC
CITY CLERK & COLLECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

THOMAS J. TRASK, B.C.S
CITY ATTORNEY