



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jennifer Bettis, Emergency Management Coordinator
James D. Meier, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works

Date: July 22, 2025

Reference: Consider approval of a Resolution adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Action Plant requirements; and authorizing the Mayor to sign, and the City Manager to execute any necessary documents.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider approval of a Resolution adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Action Plant requirements and authorizing the Mayor to sign any necessary documents.

Background:

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) require communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for various pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes. FEMA requires that communities update these plans every five years to be eligible for the federal funding. The City of Coppell is currently party to a FEMA approved plan called the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was approved by Council by resolution # 2009-0127.3 on January 27, 2009. This was submitted as a joint plan with Dallas County and partnering jurisdictions. The City of Coppell most recently adopted an update to the mitigation plan by resolution # 2020-0609.2 on June 9, 2020.

In 2024, Dallas County, Coppell and the 19 other jurisdictions collectively updated the 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan to be submitted and approved by FEMA in 2025. Dallas County hired H2O Partners to assist with the update of the plan and plan submittal to the State and to FEMA. In the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Coppell assessed risks from a range of hazards and identified risk reduction strategies and actions for hazards that threaten our community. If the City were awarded federal funding after a disaster, the hazard mitigation plan will be used as a baseline for possible eligibility.

Each jurisdiction that is partnering in the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan 2025 is required to have their Council adopt the plan via Resolution before the final plan is submitted to FEMA for approval. Once approved, our Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 will be in good standing until its next required update in 2030. The final draft of the plan will be accessible on the Dallas County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website.

Benefit to the Community:

To provide Sustainable Government, adopting the Dallas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update allows the City to apply for federal disaster funding including Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) project grants.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney has reviewed and prepared the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no direct fiscal impact of this agenda item. The adoption of the plan allows for possible allotment of federal grant funds in the future.

Recommendation:

The Fire Department and Public Works Department recommend approval of this item.