

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS ADOPTING THE HOWELL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTONAL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

**Whereas**, the City of West Plains recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**Whereas**, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

**Whereas**, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

**Whereas**, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**Whereas**, the City of West Plains fully participated in the hazard mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials will review the Howell County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it as to form and content; and

**Whereas**, the City of West Plains desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts *by formally adopting* the Howell County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, adoption by the governing body for the City of West Plains demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals outlined in this Multi- Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out responsibilities under the plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City of West Plains has adopted the Howell County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2022.

CITY OF WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI

BY: Michael Topliff  
MAYOR MICHAEL TOPLIFF

ATTEST:

Allison Skinner

CITY CLERK ALLISON SKINNER



April 7, 2022

To: Sam Anselm, City Administrator  
Allison Skinner, City Clerk

From: Michael McMahon, Project/Grant Specialist

Re: Updated HMP plan

### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this resolution is to adopt the updated Howell County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **Discussion**

The city is working with South Central Ozark Council of Governments (SCOCOG) to update our portion and then adopt the county's 5-year Hazard Mitigation Plan. This will involve making sure the plan is up to date on city assets and with all the correct and current ordinances and policies. This plan provides information on the natural hazard risks for the county and how to mitigate those hazards in the future.

Normally the plan would be completed prior to council adoption, however in order to meet FEMA's deadline requirement we must request approval prior to SCOCOG finalizing the complete document. This is due to unforeseen changes in FEMA's protocol specifying the order of approvals. This plan is expected to only include slight revisions from the current plan approved in 2017.

The federal government requires all counties, cities, and school districts to have hazard mitigation plans approved by FEMA to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants. Howell County's current plan expires in 2022. The goal is to lessen the damages caused by natural hazards occurring in Howell County.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This is no expected fiscal impact from adopting this plan and adopting the updated plan may help in securing emergency funding should another disaster take place.