

RESOLUTION NO. 25-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2025 PINELLAS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY AS PART OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM'S COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater ("City") is located in an area that is vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has designated that a Local Mitigation Strategy is the first step in the process of making a community disaster resistant; 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 Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners 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 2025 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 County's Floodplain Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Multijurisdictional Program for Public Information (Attachment A) has been included in Appendix H of the Local Mitigation Strategy to satisfy the floodplain management requirements of the County's Community Rating System (CRS Activity 330); and

WHEREAS, a Repetitive Loss Area Analysis for unincorporated areas of the County (Attachment B) has been included in Appendix I of the Local Mitigation Strategy to satisfy the floodplain management requirements of the County's Community Rating System (CRS Activity 510); and

WHEREAS, two publicly noticed workshops were held at a central location in Pinellas County at the Lealman Exchange (5175 45th Street N. St Petersburg) on April 15th, and virtually on October 17th, 2024 to inform the public and obtain public comments; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has approved the latest Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) plan updated for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d); and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved the LMS at the April 22, 2025 meeting; and

WHEREAS, by adopting the LMS, the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Pinellas County will be establishing a framework for future mitigation efforts and post disaster redevelopment in order to reduce recovery time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City of Clearwater, Florida approves and hereby adopts Pinellas County Local Mitigation Strategy developed by the Local Mitigation Strategy Workgroup as part of compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System. The LMS is in effect from May 6, 2025 through May 5, 2030. This Resolution supersedes City of Clearwater Resolution 20-18.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Bruce Rector
Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Jerrod D. Simpson
Senior Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk