

ORDINANCE 49 - 15

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE
ASHLAND COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN
FOR NATURAL DISASTERS**

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland recognizes that natural hazards increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the county's economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland also recognizes that through pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Mitigation Planning Team has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

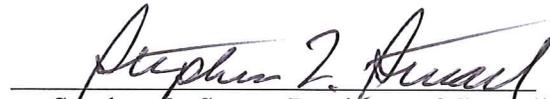
BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Ashland, State of Ohio 5 members thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the City of Ashland hereby approves the adoption in its entirety, the Ashland County Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters (the Plan) as the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Shall execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction. Shall use portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified. Shall coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority. Shall continue its support of the Ashland County Mitigation Planning Team as described within the Plan. Shall help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan. Shall incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations. Shall provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

Section 2. For the reason that it is necessary to approve of said Mitigation Plan for Natural Disaster, this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare of the City of Ashland, Ohio.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by Council and approval pursuant to Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Ashland, Ohio.

Passed July 7, 2015


Stephen L. Stuart, President of Council

Attest: Elizabeth A. McClurg
Elizabeth A. McClurg, Interim Clerk of Council

Approved Glen P. Stewart
Glen P. Stewart, Mayor

Approved as to form and correctness:


Richard P. Wolfe II, Director of Law

Date: July 7, 2015

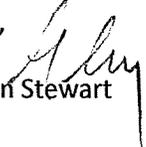
June 24, 2015

Request for legislation

Rick, Please prepare appropriate legislation as requested in the letter addressed to me (copy enclosed) and received from Mark Rafeld, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Thank you,

Mayor Glen Stewart

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Stewart", is written over the printed name "Mayor Glen Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

CC: Larry Paxton

Council President, S. Stuart

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Mark W. Rafeld, Director



June 17, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Ashland, Mayor Glen Stewart

FROM: Mark Rafeld, Director
Ashland County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Laura Cerrito
Natural Disaster Mitigation Planner

SUBJECT: Draft Mitigation Plan/Resolution

Over the past several months, you should have received information through the news media and possibly other sources regarding the development of a Countywide mitigation plan for natural disasters. Through the Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has grant monies available to communities who adopt a Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters. During this planning period, the Ashland County Mitigation Planning Committee was formed; a draft Plan was developed, reviewed, and recently approved by the Committee. This Draft Plan was made available to the public for comment through various media types designed to gain feedback on the draft Plan from the community. No requests for modifications to the draft Plan were made. This draft Plan was been submitted to the Ohio Emergency for their review and their approval. This draft Plan was submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for their review and their approval.

One of the major provisions of the Mitigation Act is that the County Commissioners and all of the incorporated areas within the County must review and adopt this Plan. Disaster funding to your city/village, as well as the County as a whole, may be contingent upon your formal adoption of this Plan. Your formal adoption would come in the form of a resolution that would be introduced to your Council, discussed, and passed.

To assist in your Plan approval process, we are enclosing the draft Mitigation Plan. We are asking that you forward copies of this draft to members of Council for their review. Should you or any Council member have questions regarding the draft, you can contact either one of us at the phone numbers that are provided below. Once questions are addressed, a resolution can then be drafted for consideration by the Council. To assist in this process, we have also included a draft resolution with this correspondence.

Following the passage of your resolution, a copy needs to be sent to:

Mark Rafeld, Director
Ashland County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
1763 St. Rt. 60
Ashland, Ohio 44805

A copy of your passed resolution will then be incorporated within the County's final Plan and submitted to FEMA for their final approval. Your resolution will be sent through the ACOEMHS, in conjunction with the resolutions from the Commissioners and other incorporated areas within Ashland County.

We ask your sincerest consideration of this request by initiating this process at your earliest convenience. This will assist in facilitating the distribution of any disaster monies that may be requested by the County.

Should you have any questions whatsoever regarding this request, please feel free to contact Mark Rafeld at (419) 282-4272 .

Thank you again for your prompt consideration of this request.

(Print on official letter head)

RESOLUTION #

ADOPTING THE ASHLAND COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

WHEREAS, the Community Name recognizes that natural hazards increase the risk to life, property, environment, and the county's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Community Name also recognizes that through pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland County Mitigation Planning Team has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Community Name:

1. Adopts in its entirety, the Ashland County Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters (the Plan) as the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Shall execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
3. Shall use portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
4. Shall coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
5. Shall continue its support of the Ashland County Mitigation Planning Team as described within the Plan.
6. Shall help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
7. Shall incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
8. Shall provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

ADOPTED on this month date, year.

(Commissioner/Mayor)

(Commissioner/Mayor)

(Commissioner/Mayor)

(Clerk)