

Office of the Fire Chief

City of Richland Hills, Texas

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Bill Agan and members of the Richland Hills City Council
From: William Bell, Fire Chief
Date: July 13, 2015
Subject: Resolution Adopting of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tarrant County including the City of Richland Hills

City Council Action Requested:

Approve the resolution adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tarrant County as the City of Richland Hills' Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Background Information:

A Hazard Mitigation Plan is a plan that identifies both-short term and long-term strategies for implementing hazard mitigation measures for the City of Richland Hills to minimize damage by natural and manmade disasters. The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Tarrant County includes the City of Richland Hills as well as twenty-five other communities in Tarrant County. The plan is a requirement in order to be eligible to receive federal and state disaster relief funds if and when the City experiences a declared natural disaster as well as a requirement if submitting for state and federal grants for hazard mitigation programs.

Financial Impact:

No additional funding needed. Plan was written by an independent consultant through a grant by the North Central Texas Council of Governments working with Emergency Managers from Tarrant County and the twenty-six communities covered under the plan. Failure to adopt the resolution and plan would result in the ineligibility of the City of Richland Hills to qualify for hazard mitigation grants and disaster relief funds.

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RESOLUTION 448-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE RICHLAND HILLS CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE TARRANT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN, JUNE 2015.

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills City Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Richland Hills; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richland Hills has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, June 2015 in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, June 2015 identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Richland Hills from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the City of Richland Hills demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, June 2015.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the City of Richland Hills City Council adopts the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, June 2015.

ADOPTED by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ against, and ___ abstaining, this ___ day of ___, 2015.

Mayor, Bill Agan

ATTEST:

City Secretary, Cathy Bourg

Approved as to form and legality:

City Attorney