

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 678

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY 2025 PLAN UPDATE AMONG HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, THE CITY OF TAMPA, THE CITY OF TEMPLE TERRACE AND THE CITY OF PLANT CITY AND ADOPTING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (2025) AS THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, City of Plant City, and City of Temple Terrace are located in an area that is vulnerable to natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to federal and state law, a Local Mitigation Strategy ("LMS") is a plan that presents a unified strategy toward reducing identified hazards within a community; and

WHEREAS, Title 42 United States Code Chapter 68, requires local governments to develop mitigation plans outlining processes for identifying natural hazards, risks and vulnerabilities that may affect their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, 44 CFR Part 201 requires that local governments prepare and adopt a jurisdiction-wide natural hazard mitigation plan; and requires them to review and update said plan every five years in order to be eligible to receive project grant funds under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ("HMGP"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 27P-22 of the Florida Administrative Code ("FAC"), the Hillsborough County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy 2025 Plan Update ("LMS 2025 Plan Update") sets forth the method for monitoring and evaluating changes to hazard assessments, the project priority list, the critical facilities list, the repetitive flood-loss list, and map revisions; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2004, the City Council of the City of Tampa adopted Resolution No. 2004-1426, which approved a Hillsborough County-Wide Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2010, the City Council of the City of Tampa adopted Resolution No. 2010-614, which approved an update to the Hillsborough County-Wide Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2016, the City Council of the City of Tampa adopted Resolution No. 2016-98, which approved an update to the Hillsborough County-Wide Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2020, the City Council of the City of Tampa adopted Resolution No. 2020-470, which approved an update to the Hillsborough County-Wide Local Mitigation Strategy; and

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WHEREAS, FEMA operates the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”); and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Plan Update between Hillsborough County and the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City addresses hazard mitigation concerns from the standpoint of the City’s participation in the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Plan Update continues to serve as the floodplain management plan and to address repetitive flood loss properties; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Plan Update may require future amendments to address changes in Federal floodplain regulations or programs; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Hillsborough County has also prepared a 2025 update to its Program for Public Information (“PPI 2025 Plan Update”) as part of the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System (“CRS”), which outlines coordinated outreach and public awareness activities designed to improve flood risk understanding and encourage flood mitigation actions; and

WHEREAS, Hillsborough County prepared PPI 2025 Plan Update to support ongoing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) and the CRS, and to enhance public awareness and outreach regarding flood risk and mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the updated PPI 2025 Plan Update was developed through a multi-jurisdictional process with municipal partners and community stakeholders and is intended to be adopted alongside the LMS 2025 Update to align both documents on a unified five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, under the NFIP, communities can participate in the CRS, which is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, in CRS communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community's mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, City of Plant City, and City of Temple Terrace participate in the CRS program; and

WHEREAS, as part of its participation in the CRS program, the City of Tampa desires to improve communication with citizens about flood hazards, safety, and insurance; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions which meet the CRS’s goals of flood loss reduction, accurate insurance rate facilitation and the promotion of the awareness of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, the PPI 2025 Plan Update aligns with the goals of the 2025 LMS Plan Update and CRS Activity 330 guidelines, and was developed in coordination with the LMS Working Group and relevant stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the PPI 2025 Plan Update is a planning document to improve communication and coordinate public activities with other municipalities within Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a PPI 2025 Plan Update, the City of Tampa can more effectively provide information related to flooding and can obtain additional CRS credit to lower insurance premium rates; and

WHEREAS, the LMS 2025 Plan Update was developed by Hillsborough County, the City of Plant City, the City of Tampa, the City of Temple Terrace, community interests, stakeholders, and the communitywide Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 LMS Plan Update has been forwarded to the City of Tampa for similar action and the City of Tampa desires to continue to be involved in a county-wide mitigation strategy with Hillsborough County, the City of Temple Terrace and the City of Plant City; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Tampa and the public to adopt the PPI 2025 Plan Update and the 2025 LMS Plan Update.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, THAT:**

Section 1. That the Hillsborough County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Mitigation Strategy 2025 Plan among Hillsborough County and the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City, on file with the Office of the City Clerk and by reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved in its entirety or in a substantially similar form.

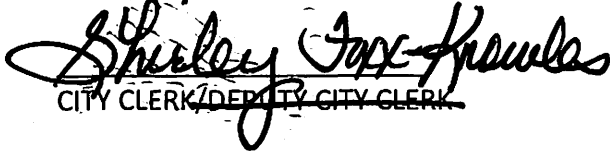
Section 2. That the Hillsborough County Program for Public Information (2025) between Hillsborough County and the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace and Plant City, on file with the Office of the City Clerk and by reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved in its entirety or in a substantially similar form.

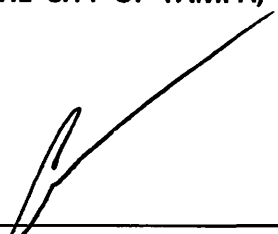
Section 3. That other proper officers of the City of Tampa are authorized to do all things necessary and proper in order to carry out and make effective the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA, ON
JUL 31 2025**

ATTEST


CITY CLERK/DEPUTY CITY CLERK


CHAIRMAN/CHAIRMAN
PRO-TEM, CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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