



## RESOLUTION NO. 17-08

**AN AMENDING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS, RESOLVING THAT THE CITY UPDATE ITS FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PROCESS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION TASK FORCE TO UPDATE THE AFOREMENTIONED PLAN AND TO DEVELOP ACTIONABLE LOCAL, REGULATORY AND REGIONAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF FUTURE FLOODING.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellaire, Texas is located within an area of Harris County, which from time to time is negatively impacted by heavy rainfall, storm water run-off, drainage, and occasional flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellaire, Texas has been certified by the Community Rating System since 1993 and currently has a rating of 7; and

**WHEREAS**, properties within the City of Bellaire, Texas have been severely damaged due to the effects of flooding during historical rainfall events, most recently in Hurricane Harvey, in which more than 30% of Bellaire homes experienced structure flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, recognizing the problems associated with poor drainage and potential flooding, did establish a Citizens Advisory Task Force on Drainage Issues, which was charged with the accomplishment of specific objectives to mitigate the hazards associated with flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens Advisory Task Force on Drainage Issues, in carrying out its charge, determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to continue participation in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program in order to provide flood insurance premium discounts for its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive planning process resulting in an updated Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan as prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management

Agency will accomplish most of the objectives of the Flood Hazard Mitigation Task Force on Drainage Issues, as well as keep the City of Bellaire, Texas, in good standing with the Community Rating System; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Harvey and its impact on the City of Bellaire has heightened concerns and will require more robust Council and citizen engagement; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLAIRE, TEXAS:**

**1. THAT** it be the policy of the City of Bellaire, Texas, that the City of Bellaire, Texas, engage in a process that results in the update of the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to identify flood hazards that will limit the impact of flood-related losses to commercial and residential property within the City of Bellaire, Texas, and to remain in good standing in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program.

**2. THAT** the City Manager is hereby authorized to establish a Flood Hazard Mitigation Task Force consisting of the following components as outlined in the Community Rating System:

**Flood Hazard Mitigation Task Force**

At least one stakeholder per staff member, to be selected from the following areas:

- Bellaire Homeowner (x2)
- Utility Company
- Builder/Developer
- Previous Board or Commission Member

**Council Liaison Team (Appointed by the Mayor)**

A maximum of three Council members to perform the following:

- Monitor the level of citizen engagement
- Ensure broad and ongoing communication
- Recommend necessary Council action

**Staff Technical Advisory Team**

At least one staff member from the following Departments:

- Development Services
- Public Works
- Parks, Recreation, & Facilities
- Public Safety (Police or Fire)
- City Manager's Office

**Consulting Technical Advisory Team**

- Flood Mitigation Consultant

**3. THAT** the Flood Hazard Mitigation Task Force be charged with the following:

- a. Update the City of Bellaire, Texas Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- b. Identify and assess hazards associated with the problem of flooding and provide recommended solutions for those problems;
- c. Keep the public informed of its deliberations and recommendations, and of any proposed changes to the floodplain structure for the City of Bellaire, Texas; and
- d. Prepare a post-flood hazard mitigation plan for the City of Bellaire, Texas, that designates target areas and recommends mitigation measures appropriate for the flood hazard facing the City of Bellaire, Texas. Areas of focus shall include:

a. Local:

- i. Assess the Drainage Plan and recommended steps presented by the City Engineer to Council in September 2016
- ii. Assess drainage criteria for CIP Project selection

b. Regulatory:

- i. Assess the current Building Code Requirements
- ii. Assess options and develop a recommendation concerning whether to pursue property buyouts and potential FEMA funding participation
- iii. Review the City's continuing participation in the Community Rating System and National Flood Insurance Program

c. Regional:

- i. Evaluate Regional Flood Hazard Plans and their impact on the City of Bellaire
- ii. Recommend additional efforts
- iii. Recommend ways to facilitate and expedite current efforts

**4. THAT** property owners in the City of Bellaire, Texas are encouraged to:

- a. Attend public meetings to review the City of Bellaire, Texas' mitigation planning activities; and
- b. Assist in updating the mitigation plan by providing information on their experiences and damage during extreme storm events.

**5. THAT** this Resolution updates and expands upon Resolution No. 17-07 previously adopted by the City Council on August 21, 2017, which is hereby superseded and replaced in its entirety.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** by the City Council of Bellaire, Texas, at its Regular Session held on October 2, 2017.

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**SIGNED:**

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Andrew S. Friedberg  
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Alan P. Petrov  
City Attorney