

RESOLUTION 2005-03

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY, MAY 2005, FOR THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, AS ATTACHED HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County and the Town of Cinco Bayou were awarded funds by the Florida Department of Community Affairs for the development of a Local Mitigation Strategy during fiscal years 2003 and 2005. The Local Mitigation Strategy is a plan that the community can use to promote hazard mitigation and manage post disaster recovery. The plan addresses specific mitigation goals of the community and their specific vulnerabilities to hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Local Mitigation Strategy for the Town of Cinco Bayou will include modifications to establish compliance with the Disaster Mitigation act of 2000 (DMA2K). The DMA2K changes the original scope of the Local Mitigation Strategy by ensuring that the public, neighboring communities, local and regional agencies are given an opportunity to comment on the plan. It also includes descriptions of all possible types of natural hazards that can affect the Town of Cinco Bayou and descriptions of mitigation goals to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerabilities to identified hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Local Mitigation Strategy provides for linkage between many disparate documents of the Town of Cinco Bayou such as the Comprehensive Plan, the Capital Improvement Plan, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Building Codes, Land Development Codes and Hazardous Materials Plans. These plans address mitigation individually whereas the Local Mitigation Strategy integrates mitigation initiatives established through these plans into a single planning document; and

WHEREAS, this Strategy also allows a forum for addressing mitigation needs and projects of the City under "blue skies". Discussions of mitigation needs immediately following a disaster can be counterproductive, as tensions are high and activities are chaotic; and

WHEREAS, a prioritized list of projects is included in the Local Mitigation Strategy. Each community and Okaloosa County were asked to identify needs, and all needs were prioritized based on the merits of the project, without regard to political boundary. When funding for mitigation projects is made available from various agencies in the future, the Town of Cinco Bayou, Okaloosa County and the other municipalities in Okaloosa County will be able to consult their list of projects and secure funds more effectively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, an important feature of the Local Mitigation Strategy for Okaloosa County is its comprehensive approach to hazard mitigation and all of the municipalities and Okaloosa County have agreed to participate in the program. Formulated in this strategy is a list of programs and projects that have been identified as having a need for mitigation of possible damages. As such, the strategy will enable the entire county to pursue mitigation efforts in a unified manner, thus reducing the potential damages and recovery time, and

WHEREAS, the state will require an additional review after this adoption of the plan by resolution, the Regional Planning Council is hereby authorized to make corrections to the document based on comments from the State and FEMA after receiving such comments, in order to complete the planning contract; and

WHEREAS, because participation in the Local Mitigation Strategy program is in the best interest of health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Cinco Bayou.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION I: The Town of Cinco Bayou, agrees to accept and adhere to the Okaloosa County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Plan, May 2005, attached herewith.

SECTION II: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Council and signature of the Mayor.

ADOPTED unanimously in open session of the Town Council of Cinco Bayou, Florida, on this 9th day of June, 2005.

Norm Frucci, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nell Webb, Town Manager/Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.

C. Jeffery McInnis