

Resolution



City Council
City of Wilmington
North Carolina

Introduced By: Becky L. Hawke, City Manager

Date: 4/7/2026

Resolution Adopting the 2026 Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within the City of Wilmington are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and,

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §160D-501 delegates to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*), provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to N.C.G.S. §166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and,

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding, and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and,

WHEREAS the City of Wilmington has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (“the Plan”) and has updated the Plan as required pursuant to 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the FEMA and the North Carolina Division of Emergency

Management, and in accordance with federal laws including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Wilmington City Council to fulfill this obligation so that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT, the City Manager is authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement with New Hanover County to adopt the submitted Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan upon execution of the agreement by both the City and the County, and the term of the agreement shall be five years from the date of signing.

Adopted at a _____ meeting

On _____ 2026

Bill Saffo, Mayor

Attest:

Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk