



## COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager

**DATE:** January 27, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Approve Resolution No. 2020-002 adopting the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, January 2020.

**PRESENTER:** Matt Honza, Emergency Management Coordinator

**SUMMARY:**

The jurisdictions of Tarrant County in conjunction with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) have coordinated the development and submission of the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, January 2020. The plan fulfills the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act as administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), thus resulting in eligibility to apply for federal aid for technical assistance and post-disaster hazard mitigation project funding. This plan is an update to the Local Mitigation Action Plan, June 2015 previously adopted by City Council. The title change to Hazard Mitigation Action Plan was a FEMA recommendation to clearly define the intent of the document.

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Tarrant County is susceptible to a number of different natural hazards that have potential to cause property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. Occurrence of natural disasters cannot be prevented; however, their impact on people and property can be lessened through hazard mitigation measures and mitigation planning.

This plan is an excellent method by which to organize Tarrant County's mitigation strategies. The implementation of the plan and its components is vital to preparing a community that is resilient to the effects of a disaster. The implementation of this plan can reduce loss of life and property and allow the participating communities to operate with minimal disruption of vital services to citizens. This plan also provides a risk assessment of the hazards Tarrant County is exposed to and puts forth several mitigation goals and objectives that are based on that risk assessment. The plan represents collective efforts of citizens, elected and appointed government officials, business leaders, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders. An executive summary of the plan is attached.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Resolution No. 2020-002.