

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION # 24-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA SUPPORTING THE UPDATE OF THE CITY'S HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND RECOGNIZING THE FORMATION OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez adopted its current Hazard Mitigation Plan on February 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved the adopted plan on March 10, 2019 and requires the city to update the plan every five years to be eligible for certain grants and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez recognizes the importance of maintaining an up-to-date Hazard Mitigation Plan to effectively address and mitigate potential hazards within the community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure the safety and well-being of residents and property by identifying and addressing potential risks posed by natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez acknowledges the need for a comprehensive and collaborative approach to hazard mitigation planning, involving the active participation of city employees with expertise in various relevant fields, and representatives from key organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA, that:

Section 1. The City Council expresses its full support for the update of the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan to enhance the community's resilience to potential hazards.

Section 2. The City Council recognizes the formation of a Planning Committee tasked with overseeing the update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Section 3. The Planning Committee shall initially be composed of selected city employees or departmental representatives, two Planning and Zoning Commissioners and one City Council member selected by the mayor. Selected City of Valdez employees or representatives are:

1. Bruce Wall, Senior Planner/Floodplain Manager
2. Kate Huber, Planning Director/Building Official
3. Aaron Baczuk, Emergency Manager
4. Ana Stroup, Communications Director

5. Capital Facilities Project Manager
6. John Witte, Public Works Director
7. Bart Hinkle, Police Chief
8. Benjamin Vandenberg, Police Department.

The two Planning and Zoning Commission members are:

1. Rhonda Wade
2. Maureen Radotich

Section 3. The Planning Committee shall also include representatives from agencies and other stakeholders. Invited agencies will include:

1. Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
2. U.S. Coast Guard
3. National Weather Service
4. Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
5. Alyeska Ship Escort Response Vessel System
6. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
7. Prince William Sound College
8. Silver Bay Seafoods
9. Alyeska Pipeline Company
10. Valdez Native Tribe
11. Petro Star
12. Copper Valley Electric Association

Section 4. The Planning Committee is authorized and encouraged to engage with relevant stakeholders, experts, and community members to gather input and ensure a comprehensive and inclusive hazard mitigation planning process. The Planning Department shall serve as staff support for the committee. All meetings of the committee will be open to the public and notice of the meetings will be posted on the city's website.

Section 5. The City Council directs the Planning Committee to provide updates on the progress of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update to the City Council and the public and to provide a plan to the City Council for adoption by May 21, 2024.

Section 6. The Planning Committee will continue to meet annually to evaluate the implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Section 7. The City Council expresses its appreciation to the Planning Committee members and representatives from organizations for their dedication and commitment to the safety and resilience of the City of Valdez.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,  
ALASKA, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

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Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Elise Sorum-Birk, Deputy City Clerk