

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 16-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,  
ALASKA, ADOPTING THE LOWE RIVER LEVEE SYSTEM OPERATION,  
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews and evaluates levee system data and documentation; and

WHEREAS, levee systems must meet and continue to meet the National Flood Insurance Program minimum design, operation, and maintenance requirements in order to be mapped on a Federal Insurance Rate Map, providing base flood risk reduction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez is seeking recognition of the Lowe River Levee System; and

WHEREAS, official adoption of an operation and maintenance plan is a requirement for levee systems to be recognized as accredited by FEMA.

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

Section 1: The City Council has adopted the Lowe River Levee System Operation, Maintenance and Repair Manual recognizing that:

- A. Levee systems are designed for a specific level of risk reduction;
- B. Levees can be overtopped or fail during flood events larger than those for which the system was designed;
- C. Levee systems decay over time, which may increase the likelihood of failure;
- D. Levee systems require regular maintenance and periodic upgrades to retain their level of risk reduction;
- E. When levees do fail, the resulting damage may be much greater than if the levee system had not been built.

Section 2: The City Council strongly encourages people in levee-impacted areas to understand their flood risk, know and follow evacuation procedures, and protect their property by purchasing flood insurance.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
VALDEZ, ALASKA, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016.

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Ruth E. Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk