

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ASSURING THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) WITH EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT, TO IMPLEMENT AN NFIP-COMPLIANT PROGRAM; VESTING THE TOWN'S FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY, AUTHORITY, AND MEANS TO IMPLEMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO ACHIEVE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches has been a National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participant in good standing since 2004, and seeks to improve its flood resiliency by participating in the Community Rating System (CRS); and

WHEREAS, the Town has designated special flood hazard areas on NFIP insurance rate maps that were adopted on August 18, 2014, and the community has six-hundred twenty-nine (629) policies; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed and has re-dedicated itself to meeting all requirements for joining the NFIP that it adopted by Resolution when it first joined the voluntary NFIP; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been determined to be compliant by the Florida Division of Emergency Management by virtue of a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) that was closed on December 19, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Town has developed and is actively implementing "performance measures" to ensure that its floodplain management program meets and exceeds the minimum requirements of the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this Council to participate in the CRS program and strive to exceed the minimum NFIP requirements set forth in Parts 59, 60, and 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations (Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations), and by implementing the Florida's unified minimum CRS credits will act to adopt additional measures that may improve its CRS rating; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The above-referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby assures the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that it will enact as necessary, and maintain in force in those areas having flood, or flood-related hazards, adequate land use and floodplain regulations with effective enforcement provisions necessary to implement an NFIP-compliant program, and to implement the seven (7) performance measures required to ensure consistency with enhanced performance measures to participate in the CRS program as referenced and incorporated herein; and

Section 3. The Town Council hereby vests the Town's floodplain administrator and their associates with this responsibility, authority, and means to implement the following performance measures which are incorporated by reference:

1. Adopt a flood damage prevention ordinance based on the State model that is coordinated with the Florida Building Code.
2. Conduct annual inspections of development of Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) to be reported annually that addresses identified compliance issues to be resolved through enforcement and mitigations to the maximum extent possible.
3. Administer a flood zone permit application for regulating all development in SFHAs with procedures and checklists approved by State and Region IV.
4. Ensure accurate completion of all elevation certificates before vertical construction and prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy.
5. Annually disseminate letters to utility companies concerning tanks that must be elevated above the base flood elevation.
6. Administer substantial improvement / damage determination procedures approved by State and Region IV staff and maintenance of permanent records of determinations.
7. Provide DFIRMs or links to DFIRMs and elevation certificates on the community's website where feasible.

The Town also agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the CRS program.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 24th day of January, 2019 on a motion by

v/m Jablonski and seconded by *C/m Schroeder*.

McKay	<u><i>Ayes</i></u>	Ayes	<u><i>4</i></u>
Jablonski	<u><i>Ayes</i></u>	Nays	<u><i>0</i></u>
Fisikelli	<u><i>Absent</i></u>	Absent	<u><i>1</i></u>
Hartmann	<u><i>Ayes</i></u>	Abstaining	<u><i>0</i></u>
Schroeder	<u><i>Ayes</i></u>		

Doug McKay
Doug McKay, Mayor

Attest:
Russell Muñiz
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:
Keith Poliakoff
Keith Poliakoff, Town Attorney