

**CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE**

RESOLUTION NO. 21-0920-02

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
ALL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020 AS APPROVED BY FEMA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, Section 5-02(A) of the City of Delaware City Charter (“Charter”), and pursuant to the “Powers of the City,” outlined in Article II, §2-01 of the Charter, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Delaware City (“City Council” possesses the authority to **adopt**, amend, modify, or repeal the City of Delaware City Code (“Code”);

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council seeks to adopt certain provisions of existing federal, state and local regulations pertaining to a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan to be followed by the City of Delaware City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware City, like all other jurisdictions in the Mid-Atlantic Region, is vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural and technological disasters, including but not limited to, pandemics, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction that in the past have or could have caused extensive loss of life and property, and severe disruption to essential human services, and

WHEREAS, in the past twenty years, nine federally declared disasters have caused the loss of lives, personal injuries and on average \$6.50 per capita in property damages in New Castle County; and

WHEREAS, billions of dollars’ worth of residential, commercial, and coastal property in Delaware are at risk of natural and human-caused hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so that they can rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, requires that local governments develop and adopt natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive certain federal disaster assistance; and

WHEREAS, led by the Office of Emergency Management, the NCC Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee comprised of County, Local Municipal, State, and Private sector participants completed a review and revision of the 2015 New Castle County All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (which the City of Delaware City adopted on May 26, 2015), and subsequently drafted the 2020 New Castle County All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (hereinafter referred to as the “2020 Plan”) for submission to FEMA for approval; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the participants involved in drafting the 2020 Plan was to develop and maintain a comprehensive hazard mitigation program guided by the effective use of technology and data, improved communications and warning, the purchase of necessary equipment, sound planning, the adoption of codes, leading to the creation of policies and projects designed to reduce the vulnerability of people and property within New Castle County to the negative effective of all hazards – natural, technological and man-made; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Plan represents an effort to provide community guidance for hazard mitigation in New Castle County unincorporated and incorporated areas by identifying hazard mitigation goals, objectives, and recommended actions and initiatives for county and municipal governments to reduce injury and damage from natural and human-caused hazards, in addition to improving public safety, minimizing losses and creating greater city-wide resilience; and at the same time maintaining compliance with FEMA Grants or Public Assistance/Disaster Recovery Funding; and

WHEREAS, it is permissible for the City of Delaware City to adopt the 2020 Plan as their jurisdiction’s mitigation plan and, by doing so, meet the requirements for maintaining a local hazard mitigation plan under 44 CFR Part 201, published by FEMA on February 28, 2002, and amended on October 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution adopting the 2020 Plan and ongoing compliance with the mitigation plan requirements, as determined by the DEMA and FEMA review and approval process, will provide the City of Delaware City the ability to apply for Disaster Assistance and Disaster Mitigation Grants, and will position the City of Delaware City to receive pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding and disaster assistance funding (“grant funding”) in the future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Delaware City, this ____ day of September 2021, that the 2020 Update of the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved and adopted by and for the City of Delaware City. A copy of the Plan is attached to this Resolution.

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

City Secretary

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Council Member

City Solicitor

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member

Council Member