

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

The following Resolution was offered by Councilmember Himmel:

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003

TO CONFIRM INTENT TO CONTINUE TO COMPLY WITH AND TO ENACT LAND USE AND FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES WITH EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN SECTION 60 OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature through La. R.S. 38:84, *et seq.* delegated the responsibility to local governmental units to adopt regulations designed to minimize flood losses granting the St. George Council the authority to “adopt such ordinances, rules, and regulations, including zoning and land use regulations, as are necessary to comply with the requirements” of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, 42 USC 4001 *et seq.* and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”);

WHEREAS, certain areas within the City of St. George, are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, and extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, all of which adversely affect the police health, safety and general welfare;

WHEREAS, flood losses are created by extreme weather events and the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains that cause an increase in flood heights and velocities, and by the occupancy of flood hazard areas by uses vulnerable to floods and hazardous to other lands because they are inadequately elevated, flood-proofed to otherwise be protected from flood damage;

WHEREAS, the officials of the City of St. George intend to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions by provisions designed to:

1. Protect human life and health;
2. Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;
3. Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public;
4. Minimize prolonged business interruptions;
5. Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets, and bridges located in floodplains;
6. Provide for the sound use and development of flood prone areas in such a manner as to minimize future flood blight areas; and
7. Ensure that potential buyers are notified that property is in a FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area;

WHEREAS, the officials of the City of St. George intend to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in areas at risk for flooding; and

WHEREAS, On July 25, 2024, the St. George Council by Ordinance No. 2024-002 enacted Chapter 15 of the Unified Development Code for East Baton Rouge Parish relative to Floodways, Floodplains, Drainage and Water Quality prior to issuing a building permits or approving any development within St. George.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. George Council confirms to FEMA that:

1. The enactment of Chapter 15 of the Unified Development Code for East Baton Rouge Parish by Ordinance No. 2024-002 on July 25, 2024 has ensured and will continue to ensure that regulation of development in areas with flood hazards remains subject to land use and control measures and effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria in Section 60 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and
2. The City of St. George intends to enact ordinances, rules and regulations as necessary, to maintain in force, in those areas having flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Section 60 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and
3. The Department of Development intends to cooperate with officials of East Baton Rouge Parish to ensure a seamless transition of responsibility for regulations of development in areas with flood hazards including but not limited to:
 - (a) Assisting East Baton Rouge Parish in the delineation of the limits of the area having special flood hazards.
 - (b) Providing such information concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) or flood-related erosion areas as requested.
 - (c) Maintaining for public inspection and furnishing upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates within all areas having special flood hazards identified on a Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) or Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), any certificates of floodproofing, and information on the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the level of the lowest flood (including basement) of all new construction or substantially improved structures, and include whether or not such structures contain a basement, and if the structure has been floodproofed, the elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure was floodproofed.
 - (d) Cooperating with Federal, State and local agencies and contractors which study, survey, map and identify floodplain, mudslide (i.e., mudflow) or flood-related erosion areas, and cooperating with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain, mudslide, (i.e., mudflow) and/or flood-related erosion areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

- (e) Providing written notice whenever the boundaries of the community are modified by annexation or the community has otherwise assumed or no longer has authority to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations for a particular area. In order that all FHBM's and FIRM's accurately represent the community's boundaries, include within such notification a copy of the map of the community suitable for reproduction, clearly delineating the new corporate limits or new area for which the community has assumed or relinquished floodplain management regulatory authority.
 - (f) Submitting an annual report to the Administrator concerning the community's participation in the program, including, but not limited to the development and implementation of floodplain management measures.
4. Appointing designee to work with the Parish's Floodplain Administrator with the responsibility, authority, and means to implement the commitments as outlined in this Resolution.
 5. Taking such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the adopted floodplain management measures.

This Resolution was submitted to a vote and the vote thereon was:

For: Cook, Edmonds, Heck, Himmel, Monachello


Against:

Abstained / Recused:

Absent:

CERTIFICATION

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Council for the City of St. George held on March 25, 2025.



Lorraine Beaman, Clerk