RESOLUTION NO. 955

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021 CLATSOP COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, natural hazards threaten life, businesses, property, and environmental systems in the City of Gearhart, and throughout Clatsop County.

WHEREAS, an understanding of the nature, extent, and potential impacts of natural hazards is the foundation for developing strategies to reduce or eliminate those impacts.

WHEREAS, natural hazards mitigation planning is the process through which such understanding and strategies are developed and a process for implementation is established in the City of Gearhart and throughout Clatsop County.

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Clatsop County and the cities and special districts located therein to undertake natural hazards mitigation planning and implementation together as coordinated planning strengthens communities and better serves all.

WHEREAS, Clatsop County and the Cities of Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside and Warrenton previously prepared, implemented, and updated multi-jurisdictional natural hazards mitigation plans in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. These plans were each approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a period of five years.

WHEREAS, the Port of Astoria, Clatsop Community College, Seaside School District, Sunset Empire Transportation District, Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, Lewis and Clark Rural Fire Protection District, Knappa-Svensen-Burnside Rural Fire Protection District, Arch Cape Domestic Water Supply District, Arch Cape Sanitary District, and Falcon Cove Beach Domestic Water Supply District, each participated updating the 2021 Clatsop County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, thereby developing their first natural hazards mitigation plans.

WHEREAS, the 2015 Clatsop County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is the most recent and expired on July 23, 2020.

WHEREAS, having a natural hazards mitigation plan developed in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and approved by FEMA is a prerequisite for local government eligibility for certain federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation funds.

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated 2021 Clatsop County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan is required for FEMA approval of the 2021 Clatsop County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and restored eligibility for certain federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation funds.

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated 2021 Clatsop County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan demonstrates the City of Gearhart's commitment to reducing or eliminating the potential impacts of natural hazards and to achieving the Plan's goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GEARHART:

Section 1. The City of Gearhart City Council hereby adopts the recitals above in support of this resolution.

Section 2. The City of Gearhart City Council hereby adopts the Clatsop County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

DATED this 3rd day of March 2021.

Paulina Cockrum, Mayor of Gearhart City Council

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ATTEST:

Chad Sweet, City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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