



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2026 SARASOTA COUNTY UNIFIED LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida is subject to hazards including, but not limited to, severe weather, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and wildfires, and faces damage to life, property, natural resources and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201 requires municipalities to actively participate and formally adopt a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to remain eligible for mitigation assistance, and Florida Administrative Code Rule 27P-22 directs municipalities to engage in active participation and mitigation planning through the Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Working Group; and

WHEREAS, the Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group is open to participation for the jurisdictions and stakeholders from Sarasota County and all political subdivisions, political entities, and interested parties in the County; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2021-R-05 adopted the 2021 Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Plan and the City is currently a member of the LMS Working Group.

WHEREAS, projects for consideration through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and other State and Federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs require participation and endorsement from the Local Mitigation Strategy to receive funding; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has completed a State review of the Sarasota County Local Mitigation Strategy update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d), and approved the revisions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission intends to adopt the 2026 Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Plan as Resolution No. 2026-R-02 as a participating jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that this resolution serves the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of North Port, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated in this resolution by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

2.01 The City Commission hereby adopts the 2026 Sarasota County Unified Local Mitigation Strategy Plan and reaffirms participation in the Working Group as a voting member.

SECTION 3 – CONFLICTS

3.01 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this resolution and any other resolution, in whole or in part, the provisions of this resolution will prevail to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

4.01 If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution is for any reason invalid or unconstitutional, that provision will be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the resolution.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE

5.01 This resolution takes effect immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, in public session on March 10, 2026.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

PETE EMRICH
MAYOR

ATTEST

HEATHER FAUST, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS

MICHAEL FUINO, B.C.S.
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