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MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA

ORDINANCE NO. 09-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA ADOPTING A MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (MHMP) FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY.

WHEREAS, the purpose of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) is

1. Educate residents about the risk of natural hazards in their community and what mitigation actions or projects may be undertaken to reduce the risk to human life and property;
2. Make the community eligible to apply for Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program Funding and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding; and

WHEREAS, the PDM Grant Program is federally funded through the FEMA at 75% of the project and requires a 25% local (State) fund match; and

WHEREAS, the PDM Grant Program is annual and nationally competitive and is intended to reduce overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations; and

WHEREAS, A Hazard Mitigation Project grant is only available for communities that have a FEMA/State approved and community adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Hazard Mitigation Projects are intended to reduce risk to life and property and examples include:

- Elevation of flood prone structures;
- Structural and non-structural seismic retrofits of public facilities;
- Voluntary acquisition or relocation of structures out of the floodplain;
- Natural hazard protective measures for utilities, water and sanitary sewer systems;
- Localized storm water management and flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is available to communities after approval of a MHMP; and

WHEREAS, The projects are ranked using criteria designed to ensure that the most appropriate projects are selected for funding. Projects may be of any natural hazards. Some types of projects that may be eligible include:

- Acquisition of hazard prone property and conversion to open space;
- Retrofitting existing buildings and facilities;
- Elevation of flood prone structures;
- Vegetative management/soil stabilization
- Infrastructure protection measures;
- Stormwater management;
- Minor structural flood control projects;
- Post-disaster code enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the following types of projects are not eligible under the HMGP

- Retrofitting places of worship (or other projects that solely benefit religious organizations); and
- Projects in progress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska as follows:

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

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Section 2. Purpose. To adopt a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Municipality of Skagway.

Section 3. Organization. The Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is organized in 5 chapters:

Chapter 1. Outlines the process that was used to develop the plan; research, public involvement, implementation, monitoring, evaluating and update the plan, and continued public involvement.

Chapter 2. Provides a general overview of the community and outlines local, state and federal resources that may be used for mitigation planning and projects.

Chapter 3. Risk Assessment – General Overview. This chapter discusses in a general way what the federal requirements are for a risk assessment, identifies natural hazards profiled in the plan, provides maps, tables and figures of the community vulnerability to the natural hazard.

Chapter 4. Risk Assessment – Hazard Specific Sections. This chapter is broken into specific sections for each profiled natural hazard; hazard description, location, extent, probability, previous occurrences, impact, goals and potential projects.

Chapter 5. Mitigation Strategy. In order to apply for grants the community will need to do a benefit-cost analysis. A brief discussion, written by FEMA, is included in this chapter. A Benefit-Cost Listing Table is provided which lists potential projects and their respective benefits, costs and priority. A Mitigation Projects Table lists the same projects with potential funding sources, responsible agencies and timelines.

Section 4. Adoption. The Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan dated November 9, 2009 is hereby adopted by reference.

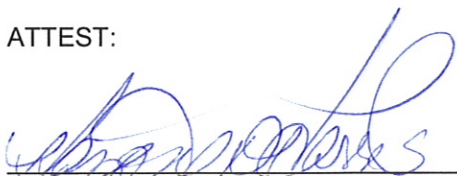
Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 17th day of December, 2009.


Thomas D. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marjorie D. Harris, Borough Clerk
(SEAL)



**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 09-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY SUPPORTING THE PREAPPROVED DRAFT SKAGWAY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Skagway recognizes the threat that local natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation projects before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee held a meeting on January 26, 2009 reviewing the Draft Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been sent to the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and currently undergoing their review and preapproval; and

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Commission help a public hearing on the Preapproved Draft Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan on July 9, 2009; and

WHEREAS, No public comments were made pertaining to the Preapproved Draft Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan adoption; and

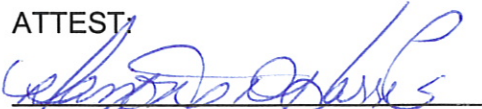
WHEREAS, the Skagway Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan will not be an enforcement policy; it will be used as a guide for disaster mitigation; and

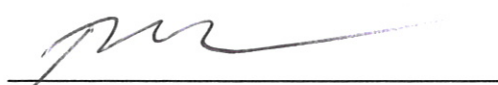
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway Assembly, hereby adopts the Municipality of Skagway Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official mitigation plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Skagway will submit the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 9th day of July, 2009.

ATTEST:


Marjorie D. Harris
Municipal Clerk


Robert Murphy
Chair

(SEAL)



Vote: 5 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent 0 Vacant Seat