

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2025 KITTITAS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

WHEREAS, natural hazards pose threats to people and property within City of Ellensburg; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ellensburg and planning partners have prepared a multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, hereby known as the 2025 Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan, in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2025, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notified the Washington State Emergency Management Division that the 2025 Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan is approved pending adoption by Ellensburg City Council; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2025 Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan is required for eligibility for FEMA mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to people and property in the City of Ellensburg from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by Ellensburg City Council demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2025 Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ellensburg City Council in the best interest of the public, does hereby adopt the “2025 Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan” as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City Ellensburg this 18th day of August 2025.



Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk



FEMA

July 11, 2025

Mr. Tim Cook
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Washington State Emergency Management Division
Building 20, MS TA-20
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Reference: Adoption Needed to Finish Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Process

The Risk Analysis Branch of FEMA Region 10 Mitigation Division has determined the Kittitas County Mitigation Plan meets all applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements¹. An adoption resolution by a plan participant is needed for FEMA plan approval.

Mitigation plans may include additional content to meet Element H: Additional State Requirements or content the local government included beyond applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements. Determination that the plan is "Approvable Pending Adoption" does not include the review or approval of content that exceeds these applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements.

Local governments, including special districts, with a plan status of APA are not eligible for FEMA mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement. The next step in the approval process is to formally adopt the mitigation plan and send a resolution to the state for submission to FEMA. Sample adoption resolutions can be found in Appendix A of the Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide.

An approved local mitigation plan, including adoption by the local government, is one of the conditions for applying for and/or receiving FEMA mitigation grants.

Participating jurisdictions that adopt the plan more than one year after APA status has been issued must either:

- Validate that their information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and their mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
- Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to FEMA.

¹ Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; 44 CFR Part 201, Mitigation Planning; and Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide (FP-206-21-0002).

Sincerely,

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Risk Analysis Branch Chief

Mitigation Division

Attachment: Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool

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