

ORDINANCE 2010- 12

AN ORDINANCE OF WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ADOPTING THE WALTON COUNTY LOCAL  
MITIGATION STRATEGY PLAN 2010 UPDATE;  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING  
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida ("Board") created a Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group ("Working Group") comprised of county and municipal representatives, private citizens, and local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board charged the Working Group with the responsibility to assess the hazards facing the county, identify initiatives designed to reduce the impact of those hazards, and develop a Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan ("Plan"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan is intended to provide a strategy to mitigate dangers and costs associated with natural and man-made hazards, address specific mitigation goals of the community and their specific vulnerabilities to hazards, and to provide a priority for mitigation activities before and after a hazardous event; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999 the Board adopted a Plan developed by the Working Group, which was later updated in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2010 update to the Plan includes modifications to establish compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; provides for linkage between many disparate local government documents such as the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, Post Disaster Redevelopment Plans, Building Codes, Land Development Regulations, and Hazardous Materials Plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Working Group has completed the hazard assessment and has incorporated their findings and recommendations into the Plan which has been reviewed by the Florida State Department of Community Affairs and the Federal Emergency Management Agency that necessitated revisions and re-adoption of the Plan throughout the county as meeting the criteria for such plans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, as follows:

**Section 1. Adoption**

The Board hereby accepts and adopts the Walton County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan 2010 Update to reflect the current needs and citizen desires to identify and

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implement hazard mitigation initiatives that will reduce the county's susceptibility to numerous hazards.

**Section 2. Severability**

In the event that any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective when filed with the Secretary of State.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, at a duly advertised public hearing, this 22 day of June, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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Scott Brannon, Chairman



ATTEST  
  
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Martha Ingle, Clerk