RESOLUTION NO. 1898

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, adopting the current form of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, including its 2014 update, for application in the City of Kent.

RECITALS

A. The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. § 5121, et seq.) provides that as a condition of receipt of federal funds for hazard mitigation measures, a local government must establish a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities of that local government. Prior to 2000, federal disaster funding focused on disaster relief and recovery, with limited funding available for hazard mitigation planning. The Disaster Mitigation Act increased the emphasis on planning for disasters before they occur.

B. The purpose of a mitigation plan is to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from natural disasters and to provide a source of pre-disaster hazard mitigation funding that will assist the City to ensure continued functionality of critical services and facilities in the event of a natural disaster.
C. Sometime after the Disaster Mitigation Act was adopted, many governmental agencies within King County either adopted their own Local Hazard Mitigation Plan or coordinated with other King County local governments or special purpose districts to adopt for application in their respective jurisdictions the 2004 version of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was subsequently updated in 2009. Through its enactment of Resolution No. 1689, passed on November 2, 2004, the Kent City Council chose to adopt for application in Kent a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, as opposed to adopting the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has not been amended since its original adoption in 2004.

D. The King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been updated for a second time following its original 2004 enactment. Representatives from the City of Kent have been involved in creating that regional update by serving as a municipal planning partner. Having considered the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Kent City Council would like return to a truly regional effort by adopting the regional plan, in its present form and including the proposed 2014 update, for application in the City of Kent.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION

SECTION 1. – King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Adopt. The King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, in its current form and including the proposed June 2014, is adopted for application in the City of Kent, in a form substantially similar to that attached and incorporated as Exhibit A, and as provided within this section. Volume 1 of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, entitled “Planning-Area-Wide Elements,” is

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adopted in its entirety, including subsequent amendments or updates that may occur in the future. Volume 2 of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is adopted to the extent applicable to the City of Kent and specifically including Chapter 13, entitled “City of Kent Update Annex,” including subsequent amendments, updates, or any changes to numbering or identification that may occur in the future. The current form of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, not including the text of the June 2014 update, is available through the City’s Office of Emergency Management. The final version of the King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan that includes the June 2014 update, and any future amendments or updates, will also be available through the City’s Office of Emergency Management once those updates or amendments are approved by both the Washington State Emergency Management Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION 2. – 2004 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Repealed. Upon the effective date of this resolution, the 2004 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan adopted by Resolution No. 1689 is repealed and will no longer be effective for application in the City of Kent.

SECTION 3. – Savings. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

SECTION 4. – Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

SECTION 5. – Corrections by City Clerk. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution or its exhibit, including the correction of clerical errors;

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references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or resolution numbering and section/subsection numbering.

**SECTION 6.** *Effective Date.* This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED at a regular open public meeting by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, this **16th** day of September, 2014.

CONCURRED in by the Mayor of the City of Kent this **16th** day of September, 2014.

SUZETTE COOKE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RONALD F. MOORE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

TOM BRUBAKER, CITY ATTORNEY

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. **1898** passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, the **16th** day of September, 2014.

RONALD F. MOORE, CITY CLERK

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