

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI SUPPORTING THE LONG-TERM REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM (“NFIP”) AND REQUESTING FEMA TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE IMPACTS OF RISK RATING 2.0 PRIOR TO ITS ROLLOUT AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BE GIVEN AND OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PLAN

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina the growth in Jackson County and its municipalities has been harmed by high flood insurance costs resulting from overly aggressive federal flood maps adopted in the wake of that extraordinary storm; and

WHEREAS, the City has supported efforts by South Mississippi Planning and Development District to update the coastwide flood maps to improve accuracy and fairness in the designation of flood zones; and

WHEREAS, the City has supported efforts by the Mississippi Congressional delegation to enact long-term National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) reauthorization, specifically S.3128 of the National Flood Insurance Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2021, to provide much needed reforms, accountability, and fairness to the program; and

WHEREAS, more transparency and public input is required for the NFIP, especially with respect to Risk Rating 2.0 and the unknown impact to the citizens of the City of Pascagoula from the rollout of this untested new methodology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of Pascagoula, Mississippi, hereby supports the long-term re-authorization of the NFIP in a way that improves affordability, updates the mapping process, provides for mitigation support for communities and property owners, enhances transparency and accountability, and provides enhances local options for offsetting the negative impacts of federal mapping decisions.

SECTION 2. That the City of Pascagoula requests that FEMA provide more information on the impacts of Risk Rating 2.0 prior to its rollout and members of the public be given an opportunity to review and comment on the plan.

The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____, and the following vote was recorded:

Mayor Willis	_____
Councilman Hyde	_____
Councilman Fornett	_____
Councilman Walker	_____
Councilman Parker	_____
Councilman Blythe	_____
Councilman Gatchell	_____

RESOLVED, this the ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk

By: _____
Mayor