

Ordinance __2011-1____

AN ORDINANCE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION AND TO WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Leawood recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be tornado/severe thunderstorm, flood, severe winter weather, drought, heat wave, earthquake, dam failure or wildfire and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Leawood may have previously pursued measures such as building codes, fire codes, floodplain management regulations, zoning ordinances, and storm-water management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency have developed a natural hazard mitigation program that assists communities in their efforts to become Disaster-Resistant Communities which are sustainable communities after a natural disaster that focus, not just on disaster relief, but also on recovery and reconstruction that brings the community to at least pre-disaster conditions in an accelerated, orderly and preplanned manner; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the Natural Hazards Mitigation program, the Village of Leawood will be eligible to apply for post-disaster mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Leawood desires to commit to working with government partners and community partners to implement the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Leawood will implement pertinent precepts of the mitigation plan by incorporation into other community plans and mechanisms where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Leawood will participate in the evaluation and review of the Plan after a disaster as well as complete a mandated five-year update submitted to the State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Village of Leawood AS FOLLOWS:

The Village of Leawood hereby adopts the Newton County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan attached hereto for the purpose of building a safer community by reducing natural hazard vulnerability.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall take affect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED this 15th day of _____ May _____, 2011.

By _____

Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Clerk