

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2025-749

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Amaro

**Date of Introduction:** September 23, 2025

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F

**Date of Analysis:** September 23, 2025

**Type of Action:** Adoption of plan update

**Bill Summary:** This legislation accepts and adopts the 2025 Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) Update. The legislation makes findings, assigns responsibility for review, maintenance, and coordination of the LMS to the Duval County LMS Working Group under the oversight of the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department's Emergency Preparedness Division, and requires periodic review and re-adoption by the City Council.

**Background Information:** The Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy is the County's hazard mitigation plan, designed to identify vulnerabilities to natural and man-made hazards and to outline actions that minimize or prevent their impacts. These actions include projects funded through federal or state grants, as well as municipal policies and ordinances. The LMS is required by the State of Florida and FEMA for local governments to remain eligible for certain types of pre- and post-disaster funding assistance. The planning process is a partnership among the City of Jacksonville, the Beaches communities, the Town of Baldwin, independent authorities, military partners, nonprofits, and private sector organizations. The LMS is updated every five years to comply with federal standards in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d) and F.S. 252.3655. The 2025 update was reviewed and approved by the Florida Division of Emergency Management on July 22, 2025.

**Policy Impact Area:** Emergency management

**Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact

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