

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2020-701

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council President at the request of the Mayor

**Date of Introduction:** November 24, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** November 25, 2020

**Type of Action:** Acceptance of Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy Update and designation of oversight agency

**Bill Summary:** This bill accepts the update to the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS), created in collaboration between the Mayor's Security and Emergency Preparedness Planning Council and the Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department's Emergency Preparedness Division. The LMS is reviewed and re-adopted by the Council at least once every five years or at such other earlier times as directed by the Council; and is required by the State of Florida and FEMA in order to qualify the City, the Urban Service Districts, and other entities that would be seeking pre and post-disaster grant funding, following a declared disaster. JFRD Emergency Preparedness Division will provide oversight.

**Background Information:** The purpose of the Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy is to identify the natural and man-made hazards to which Duval County is vulnerable and then identify actions to minimize or avoid the impacts from those hazards, such as grant funded projects as well as municipal plans, policies, and ordinances. The LMS planning process is lengthy and involved a partnership between the City of Jacksonville, The Cities of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach, the Town of Baldwin, independent authorities, military partners, local nonprofit organizations, and private sector organizations. Some of the 2020 LMS updates are:

- The 2020 update formally included technological and man-made hazards in addition to natural hazards- HazMat Incidents such as Oil Spills, Transportation Accidents, Critical Infrastructure Disruption, Cybersecurity Attacks, Terrorism, and Targeted Violence
- A vulnerability Rubric was developed and implemented to create a quantitative score for hazards and the County was found to be most at risk to Wind from Tropical cyclones, Severe Weather, and Storm Surge due to tropical cyclones
- Public input was gathered from a survey that was included in the annual Emergency Preparedness Guide, which was mailed to 418,000 residents within the County last year.

**Policy Impact Area:** Duval County Local Mitigation Strategy 2020 Update

**Fiscal Impact:** No funds are associated with this ordinance

**Analyst:** Hampsey