

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, properties along the Waccamaw River and its tributaries in the City of Conway have been severely flooded, are currently uninhabitable, and according to the best available information, may be substantially damaged;

WHEREAS, the floodplain ordinance of the City requires substantially damaged residences to be either elevated or demolished and either option can place a hardship upon the owners;

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed various alternative ways to redevelop the area but none has yet been reviewed in depth and none has been based on full knowledge of the condition of the buildings or the desires or financial conditions of the owners; and

WHEREAS, several of the redevelopment alternatives reviewed to date may conflict with each other, may jeopardize the availability of flood insurance to residents, and/or may not be in the long-term best interests of the residents or the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Conway that:

It is the policy of the City of Conway to:

1. Keep the City in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program to ensure that all residents can obtain financial assistance and flood insurance to protect their properties from flood damage;
2. Not allow any reconstruction or reoccupation of flooded buildings or homes until the City Building Official or his duly authorized representative has inspected the site and issued a building permit.
3. Carefully develop a mitigation plan for the affected area after a review of *all* options (including flood control, reconstruction, elevation, floodproofing and relocation) based on building conditions, the desires of the property owners, and funding sources that are available to assist the property owners; and
4. Assist residents with information on relocation and other flood protection measures and help them obtain financial assistance.

To implement this policy, be it hereby resolved that:

1. Every building that has been flooded must have an inspection by the Building Official or his duly authorized representative before it is repaired or reoccupied. If the level of damage is minor, the Building Official may issue a letter saying that clean up may proceed without a permit. There is no fee for such inspection or for the subsequent permit to repair or rebuild a flooded building.
2. A Mitigation Planning Committee is hereby established. Its members shall be:

3. The Mitigation Planning Committee is charged with the following:
 - a. Collect data on building conditions, the desires of the property owners, and funding sources for reconstruction and redevelopment in the flooded area;
 - b. Recommend reconstruction and redevelopment policies and procedures to be followed by the City;
 - c. Identify particularly hard hit areas that could be designated as target areas appropriate for acquisition, clearance and conversion to open space;
 - d. Prepare a post-flood hazard mitigation plan for the City that designates target areas and recommends mitigation measures appropriate for the flood hazard facing the City; and
 - e. Keep the public informed of its deliberations and recommendations.
4. Upon the advice of the mitigation planning committee, the City Council may adopt a moratorium to prohibit reconstruction of buildings in certain target areas until the mitigation plan is adopted.
5. The City shall apply for a Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant from the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to fund technical and professional support to the planning committee. The City's local share of this project, \$ _____ is hereby appropriated from _____.
6. The City Administrator is instructed to execute a contract with the firm of French & Associates, Ltd., of Park Forest, Illinois, to assist the Mitigation Planning Committee in its work.
7. Owners of property in the affected area are encouraged to:
 - a. Attend public meetings to review the City's mitigation planning activities and recommendations;
 - b. Cooperate with the building inspectors in order to help determine the condition of their buildings and to collect accurate data as quickly as possible; and
 - c. Assist in the preparation of the mitigation plan by providing information on the condition of their buildings and whether they are interested in relocating to a flood-free location.

Passed this 27th day of September 1999.