

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49

**CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COVINGTON CITY COUNCIL
ADOPTING THE 2026 ST. TAMMANY PARISH MULTI-
JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to prepare and adopt a hazard mitigation plan as a precondition for receiving federal mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington is subject to many natural hazards including tropical storms, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and other hazards that can damage property, close businesses, disrupt traffic and present a public health and safety hazard; and

WHEREAS, Hazard Mitigation is defined as sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from hazards and their effects. Hazard Mitigation Planning is the process through which natural hazards that threaten communities are identified, likely impacts of those hazards are determined, mitigation goals are set and appropriate strategies that would lessen the impacts are determined, prioritized, and implemented; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Covington adopted Resolution 2020-25, which adopted the St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in 2020. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be updated every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update was coordinated by the St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Steering Committee, in collaboration with community stakeholders and the general public. The City of Covington is one of the participating jurisdictions; and

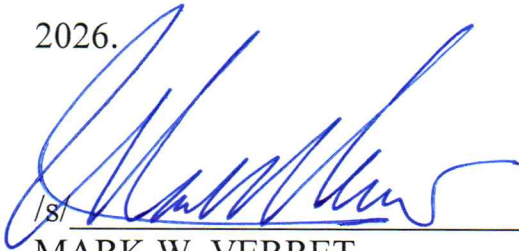
WHEREAS, this 2026 St. Tammany Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan update documents the planning process, identifies the natural hazards and risks within the Parish and jurisdictions, and identifies the mitigation strategy to make St. Tammany Parish less vulnerable and more disaster resilient. Information in the Plan will be used to help guide and coordinate mitigation and local policy decisions affecting future land use; and

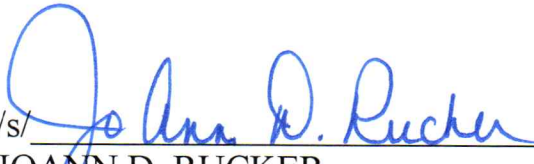
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Covington, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that it hereby adopts the 2026 St. Tammany Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

1 **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by Roberts seconded by Bushnell, was
2 then submitted to a vote; the vote thereon being as follows:

3 YAYS: 6 NAYS: 0
4 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

5
6 And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 3rd day of March,
7 2026.

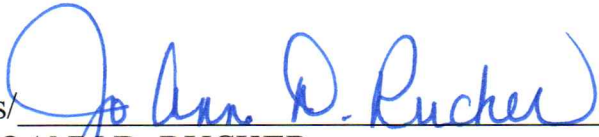
8
9 /s/ 
10 MARK W. VERRET
11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

/s/ 
JOANN D. RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

12
13 **C E R T I F I C A T E**

14 I, JoAnn D. Rucker, Council Clerk of the City of Covington, certify that
15 the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution
16 passed and adopted by the City of Covington on the 3rd day of March, 2026,
17 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

18 Covington, Louisiana, this 3rd day of March, 2026.

19
20 /s/ 
21 JOANN D. RUCKER
22 COUNCIL CLERK
23
24
25
26