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MEMORANDUM

To: Alderperson Katie Van Zeeland, Chair, Safety and Licensing Committee
Members of the Common Council

From: Cassidy Walsh, Emergency Management Coordinator

Date: April 27, 2022

Re: Request to Adopt Winnebago County Hazard Mitigation Plan

The State of Wisconsin has endured billions of dollars in damages over the past three decades as a result of various disasters including severe weather and flooding events, major snowstorms, and powerful tornadoes. While the costs of each disaster may vary greatly, the impact is always the hardest at the local level, impacting our communities the most.

Hazard mitigation breaks the cycle of damage and repair by reducing or eliminating the long-term risk to human life and property caused by the potential hazards. Therefore, the City of Appleton participated jointly in the planning process with Winnebago County and other local units of government to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan. A copy of the plan permanently resides in the Winnebago County Emergency Management Office.

The plan will be submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for formal approval. Our local adoption of the plan assists in this approval process. Once formally approved, a copy will be placed on file with the Appleton City Clerk and Emergency Management Coordinator.

Attached you will find a resolution outlining the continued adoption of the plan. I am requesting that the committee recommend approval of Winnebago County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan for those portions of the City of Appleton located in Winnebago County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (920) 832-5856.