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TO: The Honorable Mayor & City Council Initials: *SH*
FROM: Shawn Hart, Acting Assistant City Manager File #: MGR25-217
DATE: April 11, 2025 Mtg. #: 04/17/25 MRg
RE: **Overview of the Joint All-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Attached for the City Council's information is a letter from Fire Chief Rick Hines regarding the Joint All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which provides an outline of the process and what the plan addresses.



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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I wanted to provide a brief overview of what a Joint All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update entails, as we move forward with this important effort for the City and Borough of Ketchikan.

An all-hazard mitigation plan is a FEMA-required document that identifies natural and human-made hazards that pose risks to our community and outlines strategies to reduce or eliminate their potential impacts. Updating this plan every five years is necessary to maintain eligibility for key federal mitigation funding programs, including FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants.

As part of this update, we are addressing the following identified hazards:

1. Flood
2. Earthquake
3. Tsunami
4. Severe Weather
5. Ground Failure – Landslide
6. Wildland Fire
7. Erosion
8. Dam Failure
9. Terrorism
10. Cyber Threat
11. Infectious Diseases
12. Hazardous Material Release

The “joint” aspect of this effort means the City of Ketchikan, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, and the City of Saxman are working together to develop a single, regional plan. This collaborative approach ensures a unified strategy for risk reduction across jurisdictional boundaries and enables shared resources and coordinated public engagement.

The update process involves:

- Reviewing and revising hazard risk assessments based on current data
- Updating community profiles and capabilities
- Assessing progress on previously identified mitigation actions



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- Engaging the public and key stakeholders for input
- Developing new or revised mitigation strategies for the coming years

Once the updated plan is drafted, it will go through a public review period before submission to the State of Alaska and FEMA for approval.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like a more detailed briefing. Your continued support is appreciated as we work to improve the resilience and safety of our community.

Respectfully,

Rick Hines

Rick Hines, Fire Chief