

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPEAL TO FEMA OF ITS DECEMBER 27, 2019 PRELIMINARY FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS BASED UPON THE SCIENTIFIC ENGINEERING AND DATA CONDUCTED AND GATHERED BY THE FLOOD MAP TASK FORCE FORMED BY FAIR INSURANCE RATES IN MONROE (FIRM), APPROVE \$85,000 IN APPEAL DEFENSE FUNDING AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZE THIS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY COMBAT EXCESSIVE INSURANCE COSTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, during May of 2018, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disclosed its intention to significantly increase flood elevations and expand the Special Flood Hazard Areas for the purpose of adjusting insurance rates under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and

WHEREAS, City staff requested assistance from the non-profit organization Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe (FIRM), and in response FIRM formed its Flood Map Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Map Task Force - in coordination with the City Floodplain Manager - engaged professional hydrologic engineers to perform its own comparison flood mapping assessment; and

WHEREAS, that comparison assessment has identified areas where the proposed flood level increases, and expansion of the Special Flood Hazard Areas are not justified; and

WHEREAS, these alternative "City-FIRM" flood maps would result in an estimated annual community savings of \$5.7 million in flood insurance premiums,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF KEY WEST, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1: That the City - with the assistance of FIRM - shall prepare and submit an appeal to FEMA's Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps and take all actions necessary in the furtherance of said appeal.

Section 2: That funds in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 are hereby authorized in defense of said appeal. Such funds shall be allocated from budget account No. 001-1910-519-3100.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and authentication by the signature of the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission.

Passed and adopted by the City Commission at a meeting held this ____ day of _____, 2021.

Authenticated by the presiding officer and Clerk of the Commission on _____, 2021.

Filed with the Clerk _____, 2021.

Mayor Teri Johnson	_____
Vice Mayor Sam Kaufman	_____
Commissioner Gregory Davila	_____
Commissioner Mary Lou Hoover	_____
Commissioner Clayton Lopez	_____
Commissioner Billy Wardlow	_____
Commissioner Jimmy Weekley	_____

TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHERYL SMITH, CITY CLERK