

RESOLUTION 2013-0528-4

Resolution to Establish City Policy for Sandbag & Emergency Measure Deployment During Flood Events

WHEREAS, the City Council has established the following flood risk management goals:

- Reduce the need to rely on outside resources for assistance.
- Reduce response time to less than seven (7) days; the typical deployment time between issuance of a National Weather Service deterministic forecast and the crest.
- Minimize risk to City finances resulting from unknown Federal and/or State financial assistance.
- Keep the community in business during flood events.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish a policy governing the deployment of sandbags, temporary clay levees, and other emergency measures deemed necessary during flood events; and

WHEREAS, a formal policy will provide property owners with information needed to plan and prepare for private property flood risk management; and

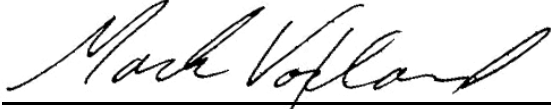
WHEREAS, a formal policy will allow the City to identify the physical and financial resources needed to prepare for flood events.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Moorhead, Minnesota that the City Council hereby establishes the following policy for deployment of emergency measures during flood events:

1. The City will deploy emergency measures to reduce the risk of flood damage to private property and public infrastructure off of the riverfront, including the construction of temporary clay levees and any other emergency measures deemed appropriate. These actions may result in riverfront properties being located on the riverward side of emergency measures. The City's flood plan will provide for deployment of these measures.
2. The City will consider purchasing and delivering empty sandbags and loose sand to riverfront neighborhoods and/or properties that require such measures for private property flood risk management when a National Weather Service deterministic forecast has been issued that predicts a crest of 42.5 feet or greater. Following the flood event, the City will provide for disposal of sandbags placed curbside or in an alternate location identified by the City.
3. To the extent possible, the City will coordinate the deployment of sandbags and other measures used for riverfront private property flood risk management with the deployment of clay levees and any other emergency measures deemed necessary to reduce flood risk to private property and public infrastructure off of the riverfront. Deployment of emergency measures necessary to protect private property and public infrastructure off of the riverfront will take precedence should the ability to coordinate be limited by an imminent threat of flood damage.

PASSED: May 28, 2013 by the City Council of the City of Moorhead.

APPROVED BY:



MARK VOXLAND, Mayor

ATTEST:



MICHELLE FRENCH, City Clerk