

RESOLUTION 2013-081  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO MUTUAL AID  
AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN RESPONSE  
TO THE LARIMER COUNTY FLOOD OF 2013

WHEREAS, the Larimer County Flood of 2013 (“the Flood”), which began on September 12, 2013, has affected the City of Fort Collins and has even more dramatically affected neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, such communities are in need of aid and assistance in the form of resources and services, some of which the City is in a position to provide; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that neighboring communities work together to share and provide resources to one another during critical periods in emergencies when resources become scarce, as such resources are necessary to preserve life and property; and

WHEREAS, providing such assistance supports the ideology of the “whole community” as emphasized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), and also builds a partnership with neighboring communities that may prove beneficial to Fort Collins in the event of future emergencies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Colorado Revised Statutes, § 29-1-203, governments may cooperate or contract with one another to provide any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each of the cooperating or contracting units; and

WHEREAS, under Section 1-22 of the City Code, intergovernmental agreements and other cooperative arrangements between the City and other governmental entities are to be submitted to the City Council for review, unless they fit within one of the exceptions that permit authorization by the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, if a neighboring community is in need of immediate aid and assistance, the City wants to be able to respond quickly by entering into a mutual aid agreement with such community, without the need for additional review and approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in light of the current emergency situation, staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into mutual aid agreements with other governmental entities to provide aid and assistance in response to the Flood; and

WHEREAS, such agreements will address short-term aid and assistance, and will only be for a reasonable period of time to help with the immediate impacts of the Flood; and

WHEREAS, if an outside local government requires more permanent, long-term assistance from the City, such assistance would be contracted for through a state or federal

Incident Management Team, in which case the City would be reimbursed for all or a portion of the value of the resources provided; and

WHEREAS, Mutual Aid Agreements will enable the City of Fort Collins to share and provide its resources to neighboring communities during this emergency, which will in turn build a partnership with neighboring communities that may prove beneficial to Fort Collins in future emergency situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS, as follows:

Section 1. That it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City that the City enter into mutual aid agreements with other governmental entities as needed to provide aid and assistance in response to the Flood.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements with other government entities on terms and conditions consistent with this Resolution, together with such additional terms and conditions as the City Manager, in consultation with the City Attorney, determines are necessary or appropriate to protect the interests of the City or to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 17th day of September, A.D. 2013.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk