

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AFFIRMING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL REGION OF OKLAHOMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP PERSONAL SAFETY PLANS, TO STAY INFORMED, AND TO SHELTER IN PLACE IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER AND CLOSING PUBLIC STORMS SHELTERS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the Central Region of Oklahoma Emergency Management Association recommends that individuals and families develop a personal safety plan, which should include where family members should go within a structure or outside of a structure if the structure has no safe place within it, for, during, and after a severe weather event; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Central Region of the Oklahoma Emergency Management Association also recommends that individuals and families stay informed in order to stay safe during a severe weather event.
- § 3. WHEREAS, standard residential construction (except mobile homes and manufactured housing) typically provides survivable protection for approximately ninety-eight percent of the tornadoes in Oklahoma if those potentially impacted seek shelter early by moving to the lowest possible level in a small interior room or closet away from external openings such as doors and windows; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, traveling to a public storm shelter immediately prior to or during a severe weather event exposes citizens to the very hazards they are attempting to avoid and increases the risk that they will be injured or harmed in the process of seeking shelter during a severe weather event; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman does not have enough readily available or functionally feasible public storm shelters to accommodate more than a small percentage of its population and building sufficient storm shelters to accommodate a majority of its population would be cost prohibitive; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:**

- § 6. THAT, according to the recommendation of the Central Region of Oklahoma Emergency Management Association, the best practices for safety during severe weather events is for citizens to stay informed; to shelter in place where possible; and to develop personal safety plans.
- § 7. THAT the City Council of the City of Norman hereby ceases to authorize the opening of public facilities to serve as storm shelters as of the date of the adoption of this Resolution and recommends that individuals and families stay informed; shelter in place and install personal storm shelters if at all possible, and develop a personal safety plan as critical elements in staying safe during severe weather events.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

