RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A VOLUNTARY FLOOD BUYOUT POLICY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding administered by the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) for the acquisition and demolition of 13 flood-prone residential properties located at: 7439 Ahern Avenue, 7442 Ahern Avenue, 8061 Hafner Court, 1052 Wilson Avenue, 1075 Wilson Avenue, 1079 Wilson Avenue, 1083 Wilson Avenue, 1087 Wilson Avenue, 1131 Wilson Avenue, 1149 Wilson Avenue, 1153 Wilson Avenue, 1157 Wilson Avenue, and 1163 Wilson Avenue. Specifically, \$4,082,840.06 was approved for this FEMA-DR-4665-MO Project #0014 (Project), 75% (\$3,062,130.04) of which will come from federal funds and 25% (\$1,020,710.02) of which will come from City of University City, Missouri (City) funds. The City has executed SEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding Approval and Grant Agreement forms, and the City has agreed to accept responsibility for adherence to all grant requirements.

Section 2. The City is required by SEMA to adopt a Voluntary Flood Buyout Policy for the Project. The City of University City Voluntary Flood Buyout Policy (Policy) is hereby adopted in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Section 3. Representatives of the City are hereby authorized to use the Policy in connection with the acquisition and demolition of the residential properties listed in Section 1.

Section 4. The City does hereby provide the necessary assurance that restrictive covenants shall be conveyed in the deed to any property the City acquires through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, as follows: 1) the property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for uses compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management practices; 2) no new structure(s) will be built on the property, except as approved under Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 206.434(d) (44 CFR 206.434(d)); and, 3) after completion of the project, no application for additional disaster assistance will be made for any purpose with respect to the property to any federal entity or source, and no federal entity or source will provide such assistance.

Section 5. Only properties meeting the following requirements are eligible to participate in the Project: 1) the property must be listed in the original buyout application submitted to FEMA or later officially amended to the buyout by both SEMA and FEMA, and 2) the property must be a primary residential home. Vacation homes, clubhouses or businesses are not eligible for acquisition under this buyout program.

Section 6. As required by SEMA, any changes and additions to the Policy will be reviewed by an advisory committee consisting of representatives from SEMA and the City. In the event of disputes, differences of interpretation, or disagreements over the guidelines, the decision of the City, acting by and through the City Council, shall be final and in all cases shall be the determining factor, after consultation with SEMA.

Section 7. The Mayor, the City Manager and other officers and representatives of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the Project.

Section 8. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 24th day of March, 2025.

MAYOR

(Seal)

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK