



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Ordinance 12-2016, **Version:** 2

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Agenda Date: 09/06/2016

**Subject:**

An ordinance on second reading adding chapter 19 to title 1 of the city code adopting an emergency management policy

Presented By: Jackie Erwin, Emergency Manager
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**POLICY QUESTION:**

Does city council support adoption of an Emergency Management Policy?

**BACKGROUND:**

For any large-scale emergency or disaster, it is the local government that has the responsibility to mitigate the risk and provide for the safety of citizens and the community. Each county establishes and maintains a disaster agency. It is imperative for municipal governments to also have plans and policies to respond effectively to emergencies within their borders. The City of Littleton does not have an Emergency Management Policy.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:**

The community expects public officials to be prepared for any emergency or disaster. The purpose of an Emergency Management Policy is to provide for maintaining the public peace, health, and safety before, during, and after an emergency or disaster. By adopting an Emergency Management Policy, with guidance on the roles and responsibilities of city government for the disaster declaration process, the city is better prepared to respond to an emergency or disaster and can seek resources and funding from the State of Colorado for response and recovery operations.

**FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There is no fiscal impact to the city for adopting this policy.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

I move to approve on second reading the ordinance adding chapter 19 to title 1 of the city code adopting an emergency management policy.