

**CITY OF SEABROOK
RESOLUTION 2022-31**

**AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT FOR ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL INTEGRATED
PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM (IPAWS)**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEABROOK,
TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SEABROOK
AND THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE HARRIS COUNTY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE FEDERAL INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT
AND WARNING SYSTEM (IPAWS)**

WHEREAS, IPAWS is a national system for local alerting that provides the means for disseminating authenticated emergency alert and warning messaging from emergency officials to the public through radio and television via the Emergency Alert System (EAS), and/or Wireless Phones via Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs); and

WHEREAS, the City of Seabrook currently uses technology that requires registration, so that only those residents who have signed up for the Swift911 system will receive emergency alerts and messages; and

WHEREAS, the IPAWS technology enables emergency managers to send wireless emergency alerts to mobile phones based on a device's real time location, and does not require signup; and

WHEREAS, participation in the IPAWS system requires no expenditure on the part of the City of Seabrook for access; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the advantages of being able to send emergency alerts and messages to all residents are significant and appropriate for future communication during events such as hurricanes, tropical storms, and any other wide-reaching catastrophes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SEABROOK, STATE OF TEXAS:**

Section 1. That the facts and matters set forth in the preamble of this Resolution are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. The Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Seabrook and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) attached hereto and incorporated by reference is hereby approved by the City Council of the City of Seabrook.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of October, 2022.

CITY OF SEABROOK, TEXAS

BY: _____
Thomas G. Kolupski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Lenio, TRMC
City Secretary