

CHAPTER 6

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6.01 POLICY AND PURPOSE.

(1) Emergency Government shall mean the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions to minimize enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile actions, or by fire, flood and other natural causes.

(2) By reason of the increasing possibility of disasters or unprecedented destructiveness and to insure that preparation will be adequate to cope with disasters and to provide for the common defense, to protect and the public peace, and to preserve the lives and property of the people, it is hereby declared necessary:

(a) To establish a local emergency government department.

(b) To provide for the exercise of necessary powers during emergencies.

(c) To provide for the rendering of cooperation and mutual aid between the Village and other political subdivisions.

(3) It is further declared to be the purpose of this section and the policy of the Village that all emergency government functions of the Village be coordinated to the maximum extent applicable with the existing services and facilities of this Village and with the comparable functions of the federal, State and County governments and other political subdivisions and the various private agencies to the end that most effective preparation and use may be made of manpower, resources and facilities for dealing with any disasters that occur.

6.02 EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

(1) MEMBERSHIP. The Emergency Government Committee shall consist of the Village President, the Emergency Government Director, one member of the Police Department, one member of the Fire Department, one member of the Ambulance Crew and one person from the Public Works Department. The Village President shall chair the committee and the Emergency Government Director shall serve as Secretary.

(2) POWERS AND DUTIES. The Emergency Government Committee shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the Village President, the Director and the Village Board in all matters pertaining to emergency government.

6.03 EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR

(1) APPOINTMENT The Emergency Government Director shall be appointed by the Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board. Deputy and Assistant Directors may be appointed by the Director subject to the approval of the Emergency Government Committee as may be necessary.

(2) POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The Director shall be the executive head of the Emergency Government Department and shall be directly responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Emergency Government Department subject to the direction and control of the Village President. He shall coordinate all activities for emergency government within the Village and shall maintain liaison and cooperate with emergency government agencies and organizations and other political subdivisions and other State and Federal government activities upon request, and shall have such additional authority, duties and responsibilities as are authorized by this section and which may from time to time be required by the Village President.

(b) In accordance with the State plan format and the County ordinance of compliance, the Director shall prepare a comprehensive general plan for emergency government of the Village and shall present such plan to the Village Board for its approval. When the Village Board has

approved the plan by resolution, it shall be the duty of all municipal agencies and all emergency government forces of the Village to perform the duties and functions assigned by said plan as approved. The plan may be modified in like manner.

6.04 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

In preparing and executing the Emergency Government Plan, the Director shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the Village to the maximum extent practicable. The officers and personnel of all such departments and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the Director.

6.05 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

Whenever necessary to meet an emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the Village President, or in the absence of the President, the Emergency Government Director, may proclaim, promulgate and enforce such orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons, traffic and the use of property, public or private, as shall be necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve lives and property and to insure the cooperation necessary in emergency government activities. Such proclamations shall be posted in three (3) public places and may be rescinded by the Village President at any time.

6.06 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS.

The Director may, subject to the approval of the Village Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions as well as the Plain Fire Protection District. A copy of such agreements shall be filed with the State Director of Emergency Government.

6.07 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

Upon the declaration by the Governor, by the Village President or by the Emergency Government Director, in the absence of the Village President, or by the Village Board of a state of emergency, the Director shall issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and shall issue such disaster warnings or alerts as shall be required in the Emergency Plan. The Emergency Government Department shall take action in accordance with the Emergency Government Plan upon the declaration of an emergency and the issuance of the official disaster warnings. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority provided that any such declaration not issued by the Governor may be terminated at the discretion of the Village President.

6.08 PENALTY.

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the Emergency Government Department in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation of plan issued pursuant to this ordinance or to do any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this ordinance and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a forfeiture. **See fine schedule.**