

CHAPTER 6

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EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT 6.01

6.01 **POLICY AND PURPOSE.**

- (1) Emergency government services shall mean the preparation for and carrying out of all emergency functions, other than those functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to minimize and treat injury and to minimize and repair damage resulting from war, fire, flood, storm or other natural causes.
- (2) By reason of the increasing possibility of disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness, and to insure that preparations will be adequate to cope with such disasters, and to provide for the common defense, to protect the public peace, health, safety and general welfare, and to preserve the lives and property of the people, it is hereby declared necessary to:
 - (a) Establish a local Emergency Government Services Commission.
 - (b) Provide for the exercise of necessary powers during an emergency.
 - (c) Provide for the rendering of cooperation and mutual aid between this Village and other political subdivisions.
- (3) It is further declared to be the purpose of this chapter and the policy of the Village that all emergency government services be coordinated to the maximum extent practicable with existing services and facilities of the Village and with comparable functions of the Federal, State and County governments and other political subdivisions, and of various private agencies to the end that most effective preparations and use may be made of manpower, resources and facilities for dealing with any disaster that may occur.

6.02 **EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMISSION.**

- (1) **HOW CONSTITUTED.** The Emergency Government Services Commission shall be composed of the Village President and as many additional members as may be determined by the Village President, subject to the confirmation of the Village Board and who shall serve without compensation. The Village President shall serve as chairman of the Commission and the Coordinator of the Emergency Government Services shall serve as secretary of the Commission.
- (2) **DUTIES.** The Emergency Government Services Commission shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the President, Coordinator and the Village Board on all matters pertaining to Emergency Government Services. The Emergency Government Services Commission shall meet upon the call of the chairman.

6.03 COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

- (1) APPOINTMENT. The Coordinator shall be appointed by the Village President subject to confirmation by the Village Board. The Coordinator shall take and file an official oath.

- (2) DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF COORDINATOR.
 - (a) The Coordinator shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of Emergency Government Services, subject to the direction and control of the Village President and Village Board. The Coordinator shall coordinate all activities for Emergency Government Services within the Village and shall maintain liaison and cooperation with emergency government organizations and agencies or other political subdivisions and of the State and Federal government and shall participate in County and State emergency government activities upon request, and shall have such additional authority duties and responsibilities as are authorized by this chapter and as may, from time to time, be required by the Village Board.

 - (b) The Coordinator shall prepare a comprehensive general disaster contingency plan for the Village and shall present such plan to the Village Board for its approval. When the Village Board has approved the plan resolution, all municipal agencies shall perform the duties and functions assigned by the plan as approved. The plan may be modified in like manner.

6.04 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

In preparing and execution the disaster contingency plan, the Coordinator shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the Village to maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such department and agencies shall cooperate with the extent such services and facilities to the coordinator.

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 and in his/her absence, the Coordinator may by proclamation promulgate and enforce such orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property as shall be necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve lives and property and to insure the cooperation necessary in dealing with the emergency. Such proclamations shall be posted in 3 public places and may be rescinded by a Village Board resolution at any time.

6.06 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS.

The coordinator may, subject to the approval of the Village Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions. Copies of such agreements shall be filed with the State of Division of emergency Government.

6.07 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCIES.

- (1) Upon declaration by the Governor, Village President or, in his absence, the Coordinator, or the Village Board of a state of emergency, the Coordinator 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 disaster contingency plan. 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 Board.

- (2) The Village Board shall have the power to determine whether an emergency exists, but if the Village Board is not in session and inadequate time is presented to call the Board into emergency session, then the Village Board hereby determines that an emergency exists if, in the mind of the person declaring an emergency under sub. (1) above, there is any potential immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens or a potential immediate threat of damage or destruction of property. The Village hereby declares that action taken under this chapter by the acting official under sub. (1) above shall serve as action by the Village Board as if the Village Board were in session and shall continue to be the action of the Village Board until revoked by the Board. The full authority and power of the Village Board shall stand behind the declaration of emergency and the official making it until revoked.

6.10 PENALTY.

Any person who shall willfully obstruct, hinder or delay the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this chapter or do any act prohibited by any provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty as provided in §25.04 of this Municipal Code.