

CHAPTER 2 – CIVIL DEFENSE

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2.1 DEFINITION.

“Civil Defense” shall mean the preparation for and the caring out of all emergency functions other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile act.

2.2 POLICY AND PURPOSE.

- (1) By reason of the increasing possibility of disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness and to insure that preparation 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:
 - (a) To establish local Civil Defense organization.
 - (b) To provide for the exercise of necessary powers during Civil Defense emergencies.
 - (c) To provide for the rendering of cooperation and mutual aid between this Village and other political subdivisions.
- (2) It is further declared to be the purpose of this chapter and the policy of this Village that all Civil Defense functions be coordinated to the maximum extent possible with existing services and facilities of this Village and with comparable functions of the federal , state and county government and other political subdivisions and of various private agencies to the end to that the most effective preparations and use may be made of manpower, resources and facilities for dealing with any disaster that may occur.

2.3 CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR.

- (1) APPOINTMENT. The Civil Defense Director shall be the Village President or, in his or her absence or incapacity, the most senior member of the Village Board of Trustees who is then present within the Village of able to serve.
- (2) DUTIES AND AUTHORITY. The Director shall be the executive Head of the Civil Defense organization and shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of the Civil Defense organization, subject to the direction and control of the President and Village Board. The Director shall coordinate all activities of Civil Defense within the Village and shall maintain liaison and cooperate with Civil Defense agencies and organizations of other political subdivisions and of the state and federal government and shall participate in county and state Civil Defense 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.
- (3) GENERAL PLAN. The Director shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a comprehensive general plan for the Civil Defense 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 Civil Defense forces of the Village to perform the duties and functions assigned by the plan as approved. The plan may be modified in like manner.

2.4 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

In preparing and executing the Civil Defense 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, and the officers and personnel of all such departments and agencies shall cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the Director.

2.5 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.

Whenever necessary to meet a Civil Defense emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the President, or in his absence, the Director for Civil Defense, may by proclamation promulgate and enforce such orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and 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 Civil Defense activities. Such proclamations shall be posted in three (3) public places and may be rescinded by the Village Board by resolution at any time.

2.6 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS.

The Director of Civil Defense 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 Director of Civil Defense.

2.7 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCIES.

- (1) Upon the declaration by the Governor, by the President or the Civil Defense Director in the absence of the President, or by the Village Board of a state of emergency, the Director of Civil Defense 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 Civil Defense plan.
- (2) The Civil Defense organization shall take action in accordance with the Civil Defense plan only after 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 Board.

2.8 – 1.19 [RESERVED]

2.20 PENALTY.

No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the Civil Defense organization in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this chapter, or do any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter. Violators of this chapter shall be subject to penalties as provided in sec. 15.04 of this Code.