

# Chapter 6

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### **6.01 "Emergency Government" Defined**

"Emergency government" means the preparation for and carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disaster caused by attack, sabotage or other hostile action or by fire, flood, tornado or other natural causes.

### **6.02 Emergency Government Director**

(1) Conditions of Employment -

The Emergency Government Director shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Common Council, and shall receive such salary as may be authorized by the Council. The Director shall take and file an official oath.

(2) Duties -

The Director shall be the executive head of the City emergency government and shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of such organization, subject to the direction and control of the Mayor and the Council. In addition to such powers and responsibilities as may be imposed from time to time by the Council, the Director shall:

- (a) Coordinate all activities for emergency government within the City.
- (b) Maintain liaison and cooperate with federal, state and local emergency government agencies and organizations.
- (c) Participate in County and State emergency government activities upon request.
- (d) Prepare and maintain a comprehensive general plan for the emergency government of the City and present such plan to the Council for its approval.
- (e) Upon the declaration of an emergency, issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and such disaster warnings or alerts as are required by the emergency government plan.

(3) Assistants -

The Director may appoint a deputy and assistants as needed, subject to the approval of the Council. Such appointees shall receive such compensation as the Council may determine.

### **6.03 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 City to the maximum extent practicable. When the Council has approved the plan, all City agencies and departments shall perform the duties and functions assigned by the approved plan.

### **6.04 Declarations of Emergency**

The emergency government organization shall take action in accordance with the emergency government plan only after a declaration of emergency and the issuance of official disaster

warnings. Declarations of emergency shall be made by the federal government, Governor, Council or the Mayor, or if absent, by the Director. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority, but any declaration not issued by the federal government or Governor may be terminated by the Council.

### **6.05 Emergency Regulations**

Whenever necessary to meet an emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Council, the Mayor, or if absent, the Emergency Government Director may proclaim, promulgate and enforce orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property which are necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, to preserve lives and property and to insure cooperation in emergency government activities. Such proclamations shall be posted in three (3) public places and may be rescinded by resolution of the Council.

### **6.06 Other Authority**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the ability of City government to act or conduct its affairs pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Chapter 166, <sup>A</sup> Emergency Management.<sup>@</sup>

### **6.07-6.09 [Reserved for Future Use]**

### **6.10 Obstruction of Emergency Government Organization Prohibited**

No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the emergency government organization in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this chapter or violate any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter.