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**Chapter 22 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT\***

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**\*Cross references:** Emergency services, ch. 26.

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**Sec. 22-1. Penalties.**

No person shall obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the emergency management 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. For a violation of any of the provisions in this chapter, a person shall forfeit not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00, and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days.

(Code 1980, § 6.15) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012)

**Sec. 22-2. Policy and purpose.**

To ensure that the county shall be prepared to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and with emergencies resulting from natural or manmade disasters, an emergency management organization shall carry out the purposes set out in Wis. Stats. ch. 323.

(Code 1980, § 6.01) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012)

**Sec. 22-3. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning indicated:

- (1) *Emergency management* has the meaning set forth in Wis. Stats. § 323.02(8).
- (2) *Disaster* has the meaning set forth in Wis. Stats. § 323.02(6).

(Code 1980, § 6.02) (Ord. No. 04-23; 07-11-2023)

**Cross references:** Definitions generally, § 1-3.

**Sec. 22-4. County legal and law enforcement committee.**

- (a) *How constituted.* The legal and law enforcement committee of the County Board as created under its rules shall act as the county emergency management committee pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(1).
- (b) *Duties of the legal and law enforcement committee.*

The legal and law enforcement committee of the County Board, serving as the county emergency management committee, shall establish policy in all matters pertaining to emergency management consistent with the provisions of ch. 323, Wis. Stats.

(Code 1980, § 6.03) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)

**Cross references:** Officers and employees, § 2-204 et seq.; County Board Statutory Committees, Commissions and Boards, § 2-83 et seq.

#### **Sec. 22-5. Emergency management director.**

- (a) *Emergency management director.* There is created the position of county emergency management director, as provided in Wis. Stats. § 323.15. The Emergency Management Director is hereby designate as the County's head of emergency management pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.14(1).
- (b) *Personnel Restrictions.* The provisions of Wis. Stats. § 323.25, regulating personnel selection, shall apply to the emergency management director and staff.

(Code 1980, § 6.04) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)

#### **Sec. 22-6. Reserved.**

(Code 1980, § 6.05) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)

#### **Sec. 22-7. Reserved.**

(Code 1980, § 6.06) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)

#### **Sec. 22-8. Duties of the emergency management director.**

- (a) *Duties.* Under the general supervision of the County Sheriff, the emergency management director shall have the powers and perform the duties and responsibilities provided under ch. 323, Wis. Stats. and such other duties relating to emergency management as may be required by the County.

(Code 1980, § 6.07) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)

#### **Sec. 22-9. Emergency Declaration.**

- (a) *Policy.* In the event of a disaster or state of emergency the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of county departments and agencies shall be utilized for recovery operations to the maximum extent practicable. The officers and employees of county departments and agencies shall assist Emergency Management and the Department of Administration to restore normal operations.

- (b) *Authority and Procedure.* Pursuant to the authority granted under Wis. Stats. §§ 323.11 and 323.14, the following procedure shall be used to declare a Chippewa County State of Emergency:
- (1) The County Board may declare, by ordinance or resolution, an emergency existing within the county whenever conditions arise by reason of a riot or civil commotion, disaster, or an imminent threat of a disaster, that impairs transportation, food or fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health or police protection, or other critical systems of the County. The period of the emergency shall be limited by the ordinance or resolution or the time during which the emergency conditions exist or are likely to exist.
  - (2) The emergency power of the County Board conferred under subsec. (b)(1) above includes the general authority to order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the county and includes the power to bar, restrict, or remove all unnecessary traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, from the highways, notwithstanding any provision of chs. 341 to 349, Wis. Stats.
  - (3) If, because of emergency conditions, the County Board is unable to meet promptly, the County Board Chair shall exercise by proclamation all of the powers conferred upon the County Board under subsecs. (b)(1) and (b)(2) above that appear necessary and expedient. The proclamation shall be subject to ratification, alteration, modification, or repeal by the County Board as soon as it can meet, but the subsequent action taken by the County Board shall not affect the prior validity of the proclamation.
- (c) *Responsibility.* In order to assure that county government is capable of establishing operations to meet the needs of the citizens following a disaster, county departments shall maintain continuity-of-operation plans and mobilization plans commensurate with the duties which each department may fulfill under the county's emergency operations plans. Department plans may include procedures for calling in management staff, relocating critical operations and contacting hourly employees for voluntary assignments which may be outside normal work hours. Employees are not required to respond to potentially dangerous scenes or to emergency scenes which have not been stabilized if responding to these events is outside their normal job duties. The emergency management director shall assist departments in organizing and planning prior to and following an emergency. Nothing in this section shall be constructed to limit the emergency management director from immediately commencing organizational and planning programs as required by the emergency management plan adopted by the County Board.
- (d) *Use of highway equipment and facilities in emergencies.* To the extent necessary as determined by the highway commissioner in cooperation with the emergency management director, highway equipment and other highway facilities shall be used, in the event of a major disaster of any kind, to clear all roads for travel and assist in any way possible to furnish relief in a stricken area.

(Code 1980, § 6.08) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 02-15, 09-08-15; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)

**Sec. 22-10. Reserved.**

(Code 1980, § 6.09) (Ord. No. 06-12, 03-12-2012; Ord. No. 04-23, 07-11-2023)