

Chapter 8

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER RELIEF*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 8-1-8-15. Reserved.

**ARTICLE II. EMERGENCY SERVICES
AND DISASTER AGENCY**

Sec. 8-16. Created.

There is hereby created an emergency services and disaster agency in the city to prevent, minimize, repair, and alleviate injury or damage resulting from disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from natural or man-made disaster, in accordance with The Illinois Emergency Services and Disaster Act of 1975 as set forth in Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 127, § 1101 et seq.

(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 1)

Sec. 8-17. Composition.

The emergency services and disaster agency created by this article shall consist of the coordinator and such additional members as may be selected by the coordinator.

(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 1)

Sec. 8-18. Appointment of coordinator; term.

The coordinator of the city emergency services and disaster agency shall be appointed by the mayor and shall serve until removed by the mayor.

(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 2)

Sec. 8-19. Absence, resignation, etc., of coordinator.

In the event of the absence, resignation, death or inability to serve of the coordinator of the emergency services and disaster agency, the mayor or

any person designated by him, shall be and act as coordinator until a new appointment is made as provided in this article.

(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 2)

Sec. 8-20. General duties of coordinator.

The coordinator of the emergency services and disaster agency shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, training, and operation of the emergency services and disaster agency, subject to the direction and control of the mayor as provided by state law.

(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 2)

Sec. 8-21. General duties of agency.

The emergency services and disaster agency shall perform such functions within the city as shall be prescribed in and by the state emergency services and disaster agency plan and the program prepared by the governor, and such orders, rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the governor, and in addition shall perform such duties outside the city limits as may be required pursuant to any mutual aid agreement with any other political subdivision, municipality, or quasi-municipality entered into as provided by state law.

(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 3)

Sec. 8-22. Mobile support teams.

(a) All or any of the members of the city emergency services and disaster agency may be designated as members of a mobile support team created by the director of the state emergency services and disaster agency as provided by state law.

(b) The leader of the mobile support team shall be designated by the coordinator of the city emergency services and disaster agency organization.

*State law reference—The Illinois Emergency Services and Disaster Agency Act of 1975, Ill. Rev. Stat. Ch. 127, § 1101 et seq.

(c) Any member of a mobile support team who is a city employee or officer while serving on call to duty by the governor, or the state director, shall receive the compensation and have the powers, duties, rights, and immunities incident to such employment or office. Any such member who is not a paid officer or employee of the city, while so serving, shall receive from the state reasonable compensation as provided by law.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 4)

Sec. 8-23. Agreements with other political subdivisions.

The coordinator of emergency services and disaster agency may negotiate mutual aid agreements with other cities or political subdivisions of the state, but no such agreement shall be effective until it has been approved by the mayor and by the state director of the state emergency services and disaster agency.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 5)

Sec. 8-24. Emergency action.

If the governor proclaims that a disaster emergency exists in the event of actual enemy attack upon the United States or the occurrence within the state of a major disaster resulting from enemy sabotage or other hostile action, or from man-made or natural disaster, it shall be the duty of the city emergency services and disaster agency to cooperate fully with the state emergency services and disaster agency and with the governor in the exercise of emergency powers as provided by law.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 6)

Sec. 8-25. Compensation.

Members of the emergency services and disaster agency who are paid employees or officers of the city, if called for training by the director of the state emergency services and disaster agency shall receive for the time spent in such training the same rate of pay as is attached to the position held; members who are not such city employees or officers shall receive for such training time such compensation as may be established by the mayor.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 7)

Sec. 8-26. Reimbursement by state.

The state treasurer may receive and allocate to the appropriate fund, any reimbursement by the state to the city for expenses incident to training members of the emergency services and disaster agency as prescribed by the director of the state emergency services disaster agency, compensation for services and expenses of members of a mobile support team while serving outside the city in response to a call by the governor or director of the state emergency services and disaster agency, as provided by law, and any other reimbursement made by the state incident to emergency services and disaster agency activities as provided by state law.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 8)

Sec. 8-27. Purchases and expenditures.

(a) The mayor may, on recommendation of the city coordinator of the emergency services and disaster agency, authorize any purchase of contracts necessary to place the city in a position to combat effectively any disaster resulting from the explosion of any nuclear or other bomb or missile, and to protect the public health and safety, protect property, and provide emergency assistance to victims in the case of such disaster, or from man-made or natural disaster.

(b) In the event of enemy caused or other disaster, the city coordinator of emergency services and disaster agency is authorized, on behalf of the city, to procure such services, supplies, equipment or material as may be necessary for such purposes, in view of the exigency without regard to the statutory procedures or formalities normally prescribed by state law pertaining to city contracts or obligations, as authorized by the state emergency services and disaster agency act provided that if the mayor meets at such time he shall act subject to the directions and restrictions imposed by that body.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 9)

Sec. 8-28. Oath.

Every person appointed to serve in any capacity in the city emergency services and disaster

agency shall, before entering upon his duties, subscribed to the following oath, which shall be filed with the coordinator:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend and bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the territory, institutions, and facilities thereof, both public and private, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter. And I do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I nor have I been a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State by force or violence; and that during such time as I am affiliated with the Troy emergency services and diaster agency I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State by force or violence."
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 10)

Sec. 8-29. Designation of office for agency.

The mayor is authorized to designate space in a city building, or elsewhere, for the city emergency services and disaster agency's office.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 11)

Sec. 8-30. Appropriation, levy of taxes.

The mayor may make an appropriation for emergency services and disaster agency purposes in the manner provided by law, and may levy in addition for emergency services and disaster agency purposes only, a tax not to exceed five cents (\$0.05) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value of all taxable property in addition to all other taxes, as provided by the state emergency services and disaster agency act; however, the amount collectable under such levy shall in no event exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per capita.
(Code 1978, Ch. 9, Art. III, § 12)

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