

CHAPTER 6
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6.01 JOINT ACTION EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT. The ordinance which comprises this chapter is an ordinance enacted by the County Board and ratified and accepted by the Town of Delavan by Ordinance No. 64, published July 29, 1971, and constitutes a mutual agreement between the Town of Delavan and the County of Walworth. The County-Municipal Coordinator of Emergency Government, appointed and employed by the Walworth County Board, shall also hold the office of Coordinator of Emergency Government for the Town of Delavan.

Established April 17, 2001

6.02 POLICY. To prepare the County of Walworth to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and natural or man-made disasters, an emergency government organization is created for the County by conferring upon the Chairman of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors, other certain specified duties and powers, consistent with Chapter 166 Stats.

Established April 17, 2001

6.03 DEFINITIONS.

(1) EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEFINED. Emergency government and emergency management includes "civil defense" and means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the County and the municipalities within the County:

(a) To prepare and minimize the effect of enemy action and natural or man-made disasters upon the civilian population.

(b) To effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital public utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by such action or disaster.

(2) CIVIL DEFENSE DEFINED. "Civil Defense" means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the County to prepare for and minimize the effects of enemy action upon the civilian population.

(3) ENEMY ACTION DEFINED. "Enemy Action" means hostile action by a foreign or domestic power which threatens the security of this state or a portion thereof.

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6.04 COUNTY EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.

(1) HOW CONSTITUTED. The County Emergency Government Committee shall be composed of the members of the Sheriff's Committee and the Chairman of the County Board, whose Chairman shall be the Chairman of this Committee.

(2) DUTIES. The County Emergency Government Committee shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the Coordinator of Emergency Government Services and the County Board of Supervisors on all emergency government matters. It shall meet monthly or upon the call of the Chairman. It shall annually prepare a budget for emergency government and present the same to the County Board for adoption. It shall prepare an annual report for the County Board.

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6.05 COUNTY COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

(1) JOINT COORDINATOR. The County Coordinator of Emergency Government Services shall also hold the office of Coordinator of Emergency Government Services of such towns and municipalities of Walworth County as may enact an ordinance parallel to this chapter. Following such action, the County Coordinator of Emergency Government Services shall have the additional duties and responsibilities of a town or municipal coordinator of emergency government services as prescribed by the Wisconsin Statutes.

(2) TENURE, TERM, APPOINTMENT AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

(a) Tenure. The County Coordinator of Emergency Government Services shall hold office at the pleasure of the County Board. The salary of the Coordinator and members of his staff shall be set from time to time by the County Board.

(b) Term. The term of office shall be for a period of one year. The Coordinator shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(c) Appointment. The County Coordinator of Emergency Government Services shall be appointed by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors.

(3) POWERS AND DUTIES.

(a) County-wide. The Coordinator, in their capacity as County Coordinator, subject to the control and direction of the County Emergency Government Committee and under the general supervision of the County Board shall:

(i) Develop and promulgate emergency government plans for the County, consistent with State plans.

(ii) Direct the emergency government program for the County and perform such other duties related to emergency government as are required by the County Board and the County Emergency Government Committee.

(iii) Coordinate and assist in developing town and municipal emergency government plans within the County and integrate such plans with the County plan.

(iv) Advise the State Department of Local Affairs and Development of all emergency government planning in the County and submit such reports as may be required.

(v) Direct and coordinate emergency government activities throughout the County during a state of emergency.

(vi) Direct county-wide emergency government training programs and exercises.

(b) Municipal. The Coordinator, in his capacity as Coordinator for municipalities participating in joint action, shall:

(i) Develop and promulgate emergency government plans for the municipality consistent with State and County plans.

(ii) Direct the emergency government program for the municipality and perform such other duties related to emergency government as are required by the governing body and the emergency government committee of the governing Board when applicable.

(iii) Direct the municipal emergency government training program and exercises.

(iv) Direct municipal participation in emergency government programs and exercises.

6.06 SHARING OF COSTS.

(1) OFFICE AND STAFF. The Walworth County Board shall provide offices, office furniture, stenographic help and such office supplies as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the County Coordinator of Emergency Government Services and the cost thereof shall be borne 100% by the County of Walworth.

(2) MAJOR EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES. The cost of equipment and services shall be borne 100% by the municipal government requiring such procurement with Federal financial assistance procured by the County-Municipal Coordinator of Emergency Government Services when applicable. Federal financial assistance reimbursements shall be returned to the Treasurer of the municipality procuring the equipment or services.

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6.07 JOINT MEETING. Whenever it is deemed necessary by either the County Emergency Government Committee or the Emergency Government Committee of a municipality participating in joint action, there shall be a joint meeting of the committees to decide such matters as may arise.

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6.08 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

(1) POLICY. In preparing and executing the emergency government program, the services, the equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the County shall be utilized to the maximum extent practicable; and the heads and personnel of all such departments and agencies are directed to cooperate and extend such services and facilities as are required of them.

(2) RESPONSIBILITY. In order to insure that, in an emergency, all of the facilities of the existing County government are expanded to the fullest to meet such emergency, department and agency heads assigned to specific responsibilities under the County Emergency Operations Plan will fulfill emergency and non-emergency duties as prescribed in the plan. Municipalities entering into joint action with Walworth County will provide for maximum utilization of existing services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the municipality by including a section parallel to this joint action ordinance.

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6.09 PENALTY. Whoever intentionally fails to comply with the directives of emergency government authorities promulgated under this chapter during a state of emergency or during any training program or exercise shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$200, and in default of payment of such forfeiture, to be imprisoned not more than 90 days.

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