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**WOOD COUNTY ORDINANCE #100
EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE FOR WOOD COUNTY**

Chapter 100 .01 POLICY AND PURPOSE

(1) To ensure that the County of Wood will be prepared to cope with Civil Defense emergencies resulting from enemy action and with emergencies resulting from natural disasters, as Emergency Government Organization is created to carry out the purposes set in Chapter 166 of Wisconsin Statutes.

(2) **Definitions.** As used in this ordinance:

A. The term "enemy action" means any hostile action taken by a foreign power which threatens the security of the State of Wisconsin.

B. The term "Emergency Government" means all those activities and measures designed or undertaken:

1. To minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused or which would be caused by enemy action,
2. To deal with the immediate emergency conditions which could be created by such enemy action, and
3. To effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital public utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by such enemy action.

C. The term "natural disaster" includes all other extraordinary misfortunes affecting the county, natural or manmade, not included in the term "enemy action".

Chapter 100 .02 COUNTY EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

(1) The County Board of this County shall designate a committee of the County Board as the Emergency Government Committee whose chairman shall be the chairman of the County Board.

(2) **Duties of County Emergency Government Committee.** The County Emergency Government Committee shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the County Emergency Government Director and the County Board of Supervisors on all

Emergency Government matters. It shall meet upon call of the chairman.

(3) The County Emergency Government Committee shall implement this ordinance by entering into agreements with participating municipalities as hereinafter defined.

Chapter 100 .03 COUNTY-MCPL. EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR AND MUNICIPAL DEPUTY DIRECTOR

(1) **Joint Director.** There is hereby created an office of County Emergency Government Director. The County Emergency Government Director shall also hold the office of Emergency Government Director of all municipalities in Wood County which may hereafter enact a municipal ordinance paralleling this ordinance, herein referred to as participating municipalities, and, in addition to his duties as County Emergency Government Director he shall have the additional duties and responsibilities of a Municipal Emergency Government Director as set out in Chapter 166 of Wisconsin Statutes and such other duties as may be given him by the Emergency Government Committees of the County and such participating municipalities.

(2) **Appointment.** The Director shall be nominated by the County Emergency Government Committee and the Emergency Government Committees of each of the participating municipalities acting jointly. He shall be appointed by the County Board and the governing body of each participating municipality. The County-Municipal Emergency Government Director shall be a full time position and he shall hold office at the pleasure of the County Board and the governing body of each municipality.

(3) The County-Municipal Emergency Government Director shall be considered to be an employee of the county not under Civil Service and he shall be entitled to all of the rights, privileges and benefits that county employees have.

(4) Each municipality having adopted, or hereinafter adopting the Wood County Joint Action Ordinance shall appoint a municipal Deputy Director. The Municipal Deputy Director shall, under the administrative direction of the County-Municipal Emergency Government Director, direct the municipal program as developed and agreed to by the joint county and municipal Emergency Government Committee; and during emergencies involving the municipality, direct the response efforts of the municipality under the executive head of government in consonance with prescribed operational plans and procedures and in cooperation and coordination with the Wood County/Municipal Office of Emergency Government.

Chapter 100 .04 SHARING OF COSTS

The County Board shall provide offices, office furniture and such stenographic help as

may be necessary for the position of County-Municipal Emergency Government Director and the cost thereof, including salaries, wages, necessary expenses and other employee benefits shall be initially borne 100% by Wood County. However, the agreement required by Section II, Part C of this Ordinance shall provide for the fair share of the costs of this program to be borne by each individual participating municipality and provide for payment thereof by such participating municipality to the County.

Chapter 100 .05 JOINT ACTION

Whenever it is deemed necessary by either the County Emergency Government Committee or a Municipal Emergency Government Committee, a joint meeting shall be held to decide such matters as may arise.

Chapter 100 .06 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

The Wood County Emergency Government Committee may, subject to the approval of the County Board of Supervisors, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions within the State of Wisconsin pursuant to Chapter 166.03 (7) of the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Operational Survival Plan. Copies of such agreements shall be duly filed with the State Director of Civil Defense.

Chapter 100 .07 DUTIES OF THE COUNTY-MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DIRECTOR

(1) The director, in his capacity as County Director, subject to the control and direction of the Emergency Government Committee and under general supervision of the County Board, shall:

- A.** Develop and promulgate Emergency Government plans for the County, consistent with the Wisconsin Operation Survival Plan.
- B.** Coordinate and assist in the development of municipal Emergency Government plans within the county, and integrate such plans with the county plan;
- C.** Direct the County Emergency Government program;
- D.** Direct county-wide Emergency Government training programs and exercises;

E. Advise the state director of Civil Defense on all planning in and for Wood County and render such reports to the state as may be required.

F. In case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor, direct the county Emergency Government activities and coordinate the municipal Emergency Government activities within the county, subject to the coordinating authority of the State of Wisconsin.

G. Perform such other duties relating to the Emergency Government Program as may be required by the County Board.

H. Appoint Deputy Emergency Government Directors, subject to approval of the County Board, who shall assist the Director in carrying out all Emergency Government programs assigned by the County and its Joint Action Municipalities and who shall act in place of the Emergency Government Director in the event of his absence or incapacity.

(2) The director in his capacity as Municipal Director subject to the control and directions of the governing body of the participating municipality shall:

A. Direct the municipal Emergency Government organization;

B. Develop and promulgate Emergency Government plans for the municipality, consistent with the Wisconsin State Operational Survival Plan which meet the minimum standards for compliance as required by the State of Wisconsin;

C. Direct municipal Emergency Government training programs and exercises;

D. Direct participation of the municipality in such Emergency Government training programs and exercises as may be required on the county level or by the State of Wisconsin.

E. Cause Emergency Government plans for each participating municipality to be filed with the plans of the other municipalities in the county as well as reports required on the county level;

F. In case of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor, direct the activities of the municipal Emergency Government organization with the participating municipality.

G. Perform such other duties, relating to the Emergency Government Program, as may be required by the governing body of each participating municipality.

H. Coordinate plans and delegate authority and responsibility to deputy directors in each participating municipality.

Chapter 100 .08 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES

In preparing and executing the Wood County Operational Survival Plan and Municipal Plans, the Emergency Government Director shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing department and agencies of the county and its political subdivisions to the extent practicable, and officers and personnel of such departments and agencies are directed to provide such services, facilities, and equipment as may be required.

Chapter 100 .09 OTHER EMERGENCIES

(1) In the event the governor determines that an emergency exists growing out of natural or man made disasters then the County Emergency Government Organization, including the County Board and the governing body of each participating municipality to cope with the problems of the emergency.

(2) In the event of an emergency affecting only the County of Wood, or its Joint Action Municipalities, the County Board Chairman, City Mayor or Village President shall declare an emergency at the time of employment of the Wood County Emergency Government Organization, the County-Municipal Director, the facilities and other resources of said organization to cope with the problems of local public emergencies, except where restrictions are imposed on property donated by the federal government. No such emergency declaration shall extend beyond 60 days, or the next meeting of the respective County Board, City Council or Village Board, whichever occurs first.

Chapter 100 .10 PENALTIES

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to 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 ordinance, or to do any act forbidden by any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this ordinance.

For a violation of any of the provision of this ordinance he shall forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days.

Chapter 100 .11 REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The County Emergency Government Ordinance for Wood County adopted June 12, 1979, and any resolutions adopted by the County Board inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed. All rights, duties, obligations, contracts and agreements heretofore entered into on behalf of Wood county under the Wood County Emergency Government Ordinance adopted June 12, 1979, shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise rescinded or modified, and shall be assumed and performed by the Emergency Government Organization as successor to the Civil Defense Organization.

Chapter 100 .12 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on its passage and publication.