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**93.01 Definitions**

For the purpose of this chapter the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

*Civil defense.* The preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or by fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural causes. These functions include, without limitation, fire fighting services, medical and health services, rescue, engineering, air raid warning services, communications, radiological, chemical and other special weapons, defense, evacuation of persons from stricken areas, emergency welfare services (civilian war aid), emergency transportation, existing or properly assigned functions of plant protection, temporary restoration of public utility services, and other functions related to civilian protection, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of the foregoing functions.

(Code 1965, §7-1; Ord. No. 1192, 1-19-59; Code 1991, §93.01)

**93.02 Powers And Duties Of Mayor**

- (A) The mayor shall be responsible for and have general direction and control of the civil defense of this city. In addition to the powers and duties the mayor now has, he/she shall have such additional powers granted and conferred by this chapter and the provisions of A.C.A. §12-75-108.
- (B) In performing his duties under this chapter, and to effect its policy and purpose, the mayor is authorized and empowered:
  - (1) To make, amend, and rescind the necessary orders, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter within the limits of the authority conferred upon him herein, with due consideration of the plans of the state government.
  - (2) To prepare a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense of this city,

such plan and program to be integrated into and coordinated with the civil defense plans of the state government and of other cities and counties within the state to the fullest extent.

- (3) In accordance with such plan and program for the civil defense of this city, to institute training programs and public information programs, and to take all other preparatory steps, including the partial or full mobilization of the civil defense organization, in advance of actual disaster, to insure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped forces of civil defense personnel in time of need.
- (4) To make such studies and surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities in this city as may be necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the city for civil defense, and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof.
- (5) To delegate any administrative authority vested in him/her under this chapter, and to provide for the subdelegation of any such authority.

(Code 1965, §7-2; Ord. No. 1192, 1-19-59; Code 1991, §93.02)

**93.03 Cooperation With Other:  
Governments And Agencies; Mutual Aid  
Arrangements**

- (A) In performing his/her duties under this chapter, the mayor is authorized to cooperate with the state government, with other cities and counties, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to the civil defense of this city and of the state. He/she may cooperate with the governor, the state offices of civil defense and other appropriate state offices and agencies, and with the officials and agencies of other cities and counties within the state, pertaining to the civil defense of the state, including the direction or control of blackouts and practice blackouts, air-raid drills, mobilization of civil defense forces, and other tests and exercises; warnings and signals for drills or attacks, and the mechanical devices to be used in connection therewith; the effective screening or extinguishing of all lights and lighting devices and appliances; shutting off water mains, gas mains, electrical power

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connections and the suspension of all other utility services; the conduct of civilians, and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, prior, and subsequent to drills or attack; public meetings or gatherings; and the evacuation and reception of the civilian population.

- (B) It is declared to be the policy of the city that all civil defense functions of the city be coordinated to the maximum extent with the comparable functions of the state government, including its various departments and agencies, and of other cities and localities, and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective preparation and use may be made of the city's manpower, resources, and facilities for dealing with any disaster that may occur. To this end, the mayor shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for civil defense within this city and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with the civil defense agencies and organizations within the state and with the state government.

- (C) On behalf of this city, the mayor may enter into mutual aid arrangements with other cities and counties within this state, for reciprocal civil defense aid and assistance in case of disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted. Such mutual aid arrangements may be made subject to the approval of the governor or of the state director of civil defense.

(Code 1965, §§7-5, 7-6; Ord. No. 1192, 1-19-59; Code 1991, §93.03)

**93.04 Acceptance Of Gifts, Grants, Or Loans For Civil Defense Purposes**

- (A) Whenever the state government or any agency or officer thereof shall offer to this city services,

equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant or loan, for purposes of civil defense, the city, acting through the mayor, may accept such offer and, upon such acceptance, the mayor may authorize any officer of the city to receive such services, equipment supplies, materials, or funds, on behalf of the city and subject to the terms of the offer and the rules and regulations, if any, of the agency making the offer.

- (B) Whenever any person shall offer to this city services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds by way of gift, grant or loan, for purposes of civil defense, the city, acting through the mayor, may accept such offer, and, upon such acceptance, the mayor may authorize any officer of the city to receive such services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds on behalf of the city, subject to the terms of the offer.

(Code 1965, §7-7; Ord. No. 1192, 1-19-79; Code 1991, §93.04)

**93.05 Utilization Of Existing Services, Equipment, Supplies And Facilities**

In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the mayor is directed to utilize the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the city to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments, offices, and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the mayor and to the civil defense organization of the city upon request.

(Code 1965, §7-8; Ord. No. 1192, 1-19-59; Code 1991, §93.05)

**93.06–93.99 Reserved**