

ORDINANCE NO. 637

AN ORDINANCE relating to Emergency Services

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF SHELTON, STATE OF WASHINGTON, as follows:

PURPOSE: The declared purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the establishment and operation of a local organization for Emergency Services to provide for the preparation and carrying out of plans for civil defense and emergency functions for the protection and benefit of persons and property within this County/City and to provide for the co-ordination of the Emergency Services with all other public agencies, private persons, corporations, and organizations pursuant to RCW Chapter 38.52 Emergency Services.

DEFINITION: Emergency Services means the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or by fire, flood, storm, earthquake, or other natural causes, and to provide support for search and rescue operations for persons and property in distress.

EMERGENCY SERVICES COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP: The Mason County Emergency Services Council is hereby created and shall consist of the following:

A. The Board of Mason County Commissioners and the Mayor of the City of Shelton. The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall act as Chairman of the Emergency Services Council.

B. The Director of Emergency Services who shall be Vice Chairman. In his absence, the Deputy Director of Emergency Services shall serve.

POWERS AND DUTIES: It shall be the duty of the Mason County Emergency Services Council, and it is hereby empowered, to review and recommend for adoption civil defense and emergency services plans and agreements and such resolutions and rules and regulations as are necessary to implement such plans and agreements. The Emergency Services Council shall meet upon the call of the Chairman, or in his absence from the County or inability to call such a meeting, upon the call of the Vice Chairman.

DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, POWERS AND DUTIES: There is hereby created the office of Director of Emergency Services and the office of Deputy Director of Emergency Services.

The Director is hereby empowered and directed, and, in his absence, the Deputy Director is hereby empowered and directed:

A. To prepare an emergency services operating plan for the County and City conforming to the State Emergency Services Plan and program.

B. To control and coordinate the efforts of the Emergency Services organization of the County and City for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Ordinance.

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C. To direct coordination and cooperation between departments, services, and staff of the Emergency Services organization of this County and City and to resolve questions of responsibility that may arise among them.

D. To represent the Emergency Services organization of the County and City in all dealings with public or private agencies pertaining to civil defense and disaster.

In the event of disaster, the Director is hereby empowered, and in his absence, the Deputy Director is hereby empowered, with the concurrence of the Chairman of the Mason County Emergency Services Council:

A. To make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster, provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the Emergency Services Council.

B. To obtain vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of the life and property of the people, and bind the County/City for the fair value thereof, and if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use.

C. To require emergency service of any County/City employee, and in the event of a proclamation by the Governor of the existence of a disaster, to command the aid of as many citizens of this community as he considers necessary in the execution of his duties; such persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by State Law for registered emergency services workers.

D. To execute all of the special powers conferred upon him by this ordinance or by resolution adopted pursuant thereto, all powers conferred upon him by statute, agreement approved by the Council, or by any other lawful authority.

E. To requisition necessary personnel or material of any County/City department or agency.

EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION: All County and City employees, together with those volunteer forces enrolled to aid them during a disaster, and all groups, organizations and persons who may by agreement or operation of law, including persons pressed into service charged with duties incident to the protection of life and property in this county during disaster, shall constitute the Emergency Services organization of the County of Mason.

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS: Any existing Civil Defense or Emergency Services or disaster ordinances and resolutions are hereby repealed and superseded by this Ordinance Provided, that it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Shelton in enacting this ordinance that it shall be considered a revision and continuation of the ordinance or resolution repealed by this resolution, and the status of volunteers shall not be affected by such repeal, nor shall Civil Defense or Emergency Services plans and agreements, rules and regulations or resolutions adopted pursuant to such repealed resolution be affected by such repeal until amended, modified, or superseded as provided in this Ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance is hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

SEVERABILITY: If any provision of the Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

DATED this 6 DAY OF July, 1976.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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