

ORDINANCE CREATING MUNICIPAL DEFENSE COUNCIL

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WHEREAS, the President of the United States, by Executive Order on May 20, 1941, created the Office of Civilian Defense in the Office for Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Civilian Defense has requested the cooperation and assistance of all municipalities in carrying out the Civilian Defense program; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to coordinate all municipal activity in one agency; Now therefore,

Be It Ordained by the Council of the Town of Fleming.

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Municipal Defense Council of the Town of Fleming to be composed of the Mayor as Chairman and such other persons, not exceeding eleven in number, as the Mayor may appoint from time to time. The Mayor shall designate one of the members so appointed as Vice Chairman who shall be the Coordinator for the Town of Fleming. Each member of the Municipal Defense Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor or until the repeal of this ordinance.

Sec. 2. The Municipal Defense Council shall be charged with the duty of coordinating all defense activities of the Town.

Sec. 3. The Municipal Defense Council shall have full and plenary powers to employ such persons as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Council. These persons shall be subject, however, to all regulations now provided by law governing this Municipality.

It shall:

- (1) Coordinate the activities of municipal and private agencies cooperating in the defense program;
- (2) Keep in contact with the Office of Civilian Defense to the end that all requests and suggestions from that Office shall receive prompt and efficient response;
- (3) Conduct studies regarding defense problems of the Town of Fleming to the end that the municipal government of the Town of Fleming will be at all times abreast of the problems of defense, and information desired by Federal agencies will be readily available;
- (4) Survey existing facilities, proffers of facilities, services and ideas originating within the Town and make appropriate disposition of them;
- (5) Act as a clearinghouse on municipal defense information for all governmental and private agencies cooperating in the defense program.
- (6) Direct information regarding the defense program to all municipal departments or agencies cooperating and which are or may be affected thereby;
- (7) Make recommendations, from time to time, for improvements in the handling of defense problems affecting the Town of Fleming;
- (8) Perform such other advisory functions as may be requested by agencies or departments of the Federal Government in connection with the National Defense program.

(9) Do whatever is necessary and proper to carry out the intent and purpose of this ordinance, tending to protect life and property.

Section 4. The Municipal Defense Council may expedite procedure by organizing itself into subcommittees and may subdivide its work and prescribe such rules and regulations as are not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance. It shall prescribe the training regulations. It may delegate the authority of preliminary hearings for dismissal of voluntary workers to the heads of Departments.

The Municipal Defense Council may appoint additional committees to meet any emergency that may arise but shall report same promptly to the Council of the Town of Fleming, which shall have the authority, at its discretion, to order the discontinuance of such committee. Any person appointed to any position created under this ordinance may be removed by the appointing authority for any reason deemed by it to be sufficient.

Section 5. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect immediately upon execution and posting in the regular places or at the earliest date allowed by law.

Adopted this fifth day of January, 1942.

J. L. Morris
Mayor

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Town Clerk