

ORDINANCE NO. 91

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM INCLUDING MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PHASES OF COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; ACKNOWLEDGING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR; AUTHORIZING THE PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE OFFICES; IDENTIFYING AN OPERATIONAL ORGANIZATION; GRANTING NECESSARY POWERS TO COPE WITH ALL PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WHICH THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF BEASLEY; AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS FOR RELIEF WORK BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER CITIES OR COUNTIES AND FOR RELATED PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED WARNING AND ALL-CLEAR SIGNALS AND MAKING VIOLATIONS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Beasley finds that the identification of potential hazards and the prevention or mitigation of their effects must be an on-going concern of the Town of the lives and property of the populace are to be protected; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby declares that the preparation of a Comprehensive Emergency Management plan, and the means for its implementation, for the protection of lives and property in the Town of Beasley from natural or man-caused disaster or threat thereof is immediately essential; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further finds that in times of disasters which may imperil the safety of the inhabitants of the Town, or their property, it becomes necessary to effectuate and place into operation the preconceived plans and preparations with a minimum of delay; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds, therefore, that the preparation of such plans are now imperative;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BEASLEY:

Section 1
ORGANIZATION

There exists the office of Emergency Management Director of the Town of Beasley which shall be held by the Mayor in accordance with state law.

- (a) An Emergency Management Coordinator may be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Director.
- (b) The Director shall be responsible for a program of comprehensive emergency management within the town and for carrying out the duties and responsibilities set forth in this ordinance. He/she may delegate authority for execution of these duties to the Coordinator, but ultimate responsibility for such execution shall remain with the Director.
- (c) The operation Emergency Management organization of the Town of Beasley shall consist of the officers and employees of the Town so designated by the Director in the emergency management plan, as well as organized by volunteer groups. The functions and duties of the organization shall be distributed among such officers and employees in accordance with the terms of the emergency management plan.

Section 2

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR-POWERS AND DUTIES

The duties and responsibilities of the Emergency Management Director shall include the following:

- (a) Conduct an on-going survey of actual or potential hazards which threaten life and property within the town and an on-going program of identifying and requiring or recommending the implementation of measures which would tend to prevent the occurrence or reduce the impact of such hazards if a disaster did occur.
- (b) Supervision of the development and approval of an emergency management plan for the Town of Beasley, and shall recommend for adoption by the Town Council all mutual aid arrangements deemed necessary for the implementation of such plan.
- (c) Authority to declare a local state of disaster. The declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except by or with the consent of the Town Council. Any order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the Town Secretary.
- (d) Issuance of necessary proclamations, regulations or directives which are necessary for carrying out the purposes of this ordinance. Such proclamations, regulations, or directives shall be disseminate promptly by means of calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the

general public and, unless circumstances attendant on the disaster prevent or impede, promptly filed with the Town Secretary.

- (e) Direction and control of operations of the Emergency Management organization as well as the training of Emergency Management personnel.
- (f) Determination of all questions of authority and responsibility that may arise within the Emergency Management organization of the town.
- (g) Maintenance of liaison with other municipal, county, district, state, regional or federal, Emergency Management organizations.
- (h) Marshaling of all necessary personnel, equipment or supplies from any department of the Town to aid in the carrying out of the provisions of the emergency management plan.
- (i) Supervision of the drafting and execution of mutual aid agreements, in cooperation with the representatives of the state and of other local political subdivisions of the state, and the drafting and execution, if deemed desirable, of an agreement with the county in which said town is located and with other municipalities within the county, for the county-wide coordination of Emergency Management efforts.
- (j) Supervision of, and final authorization for the procurement of all necessary supplies and equipment, including acceptance of private contributions which may be offered for the purpose of improving Emergency Management within the City.
- (k) Authorizing of agreements, after approval by the Town Attorney, for use of private property for public shelter and other purposes.
- (l) Survey of the availability of existing personnel, equipment, supplies, and services which could be used during a disaster, as provided for herein.
- (m) Other requirements as specified in Texas Disaster Act 1975 (V.T.C.S. Article 6889-7).

Section 3 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

A comprehensive Emergency Management Plan shall be developed and maintained in a current state. The plan shall set forth the form of the organization, tasks, duties, and powers, and designate officers and employees to

carry out the provisions of this ordinance. As provided by state law, the plan shall follow the standards and criteria established by the State Division of Emergency Management of the State of Texas. Insofar as possible, the form of organization, titles and terminology shall conform to the recommendations of the State Division of Emergency Management. When approved, it shall be the duty of all departments and agencies to perform the functions assigned by the plan and to maintain their portion of the plan in a current state of readiness at all times. The emergency management plan shall be considered supplementary to this ordinance and have the effect of law during the time of a disaster.

Section 4

INTERJURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM

The Mayor is hereby authorized to join with the County Judge of the County of Fort Bend and the mayors of the other cities in said county in the formation of an Emergency Management plan and in the appointment of a joint Emergency Management Coordinator, as well as all powers necessary to participate in a county-wide program of emergency management insofar as said program affect the Town of Beasley.

Section 5

OVERRIDE

At all times when the orders, rules, and regulations made and promulgated pursuant to this ordinance, orders, rules, and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

Section 6

LIABILITY

This ordinance is an exercise by the Town of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety, and neither the Town of Beasley, the agents and representatives of said Town, nor any individual, receiver, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or trustee, nor any of the agents thereof, in good faith carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with, any order, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance shall be liable for any damage sustained to persons as a result of said activity. Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants to the Town of Beasley a license of privilege, or otherwise permits the Town to inspect, designate and use the whole or any part or parts of such a real estate or premises for the purpose of sheltering persons during actual, impending or practice enemy attack or natural or man-made disaster shall, together with his successors in interest, if any, not be civilly liable for the death of, or injury to, any person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege or other permission or for loss of, or damage to, the property of such person.

Section 7
COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

No person shall have the right to expend any public funds of the Town in carrying out any Emergency Management activity authorized by this ordinance without prior approval by the Town Council, nor shall any person have any right to bind the Town by contract, agreement or otherwise without prior and specific approval of the Town Council unless during a declared disaster. During a declared disaster, the Mayor may expend and/or commit public funds of the town when deemed prudent and necessary for the protection of health, life, or property.

Section 8
OFFENSES; PENALTIES

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the Emergency Management organization in the enforcement of any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this ordinance, or to do any act forbidden by any rule or regulation issued pursuant to the authority contained in this ordinance.
- (b) It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to wear, carry or display any emblem, insignia or any other means of identification as a member of the Emergency Management organization of the Town of Beasley, unless authority to do so has been granted to such person by the proper officials.
- (c) Any unauthorized person who shall operate a siren or other device so as to simulate a warning signal, or the termination of a warning, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall be subject to the penalties imposed by this ordinance.
- (d) Convictions for violations of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punishable by fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

Section 9
SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance shall, for any reason, be declared invalidity shall not effect the remaining provisions thereof.

Section 10
LIMITATIONS

This ordinance shall not be construed so as to conflict with any State or Federal statute or with any military or naval order, rule, or regulation.

Section 11
REPEALER

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 24th day of October,
1991.

Ben Hoefke
Mayor of the Town of Beasley

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Town Secretary