

Village of Almena, WI
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Chapter 19. Emergency Government

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Almena as Ch. 6 of the former Village Code. Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 19-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT (includes CIVIL DEFENSE)

The preparation for and 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 disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action or by fire, flood, or other natural causes.

§ 19-2. Emergency Government Director-Coordinator.

- A. The County-Municipal Emergency Government Coordinator, appointed and employed by the Barron County Board, is hereby designated and appointed Emergency Government Director-Coordinator for the Village of Almena, subject to the conditions and provisions set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes and the Barron County Joint Action Ordinance.
[Amended 3-13-1990]
- B. Duties. The Director shall be the executive head of the Village emergency government organization and shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of such organization, subject to the direction and control of the Village President and the Village Board. In addition to such powers and responsibilities as may be imposed on him/her from time to time by the Village Board, he/she shall:
- (1) Coordinate all activities for emergency government within the Village.
 - (2) Maintain liaison and cooperate with emergency government agencies and organizations of other political subdivisions and of the state and federal governments.
 - (3) Participate in county and state emergency government activities upon request.
 - (4) Prepare a comprehensive general plan for the emergency government of the Village and present such plan to the Village Board for its approval.
 - (5) Upon the declaration of an emergency, issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and such disaster warnings or alerts as are required by the emergency government plan.
- C. Assistants. Such deputy and assistant directors may be appointed by the Director, subject to the approval of the Emergency Government Commission, as may be deemed necessary. Such appointees shall receive such compensation as the Village Board may determine.

§ 19-3. Utilization of existing services and facilities.

In preparing and executing the emergency government plan, the Director shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the Village to the maximum extent practicable. When the Village Board has approved the plan, all municipal agencies and departments of the Village shall perform the duties and functions assigned by the approved plan.

§ 19-4. Declarations of emergency.

The emergency government organization shall take action in accordance with the emergency government plan only after a declaration of emergency and the issuance of official disaster warnings. Declarations of emergency shall be made by the Governor, the Village Board or the Village President or, in his absence, by the Director. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority, provided any declaration not issued by the Governor may be terminated by the Village Board.

§ 19-5. Emergency regulations.

Whenever necessary to meet an emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the Village President or, in his absence, the Emergency Government Director may proclaim, promulgate and enforce orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property which are necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, to preserve lives and property and to insure cooperation in emergency government activities. Such proclamations shall be posted in three public places and may be rescinded by resolution of the Village Board.

§ 19-6. Obstruction of emergency government organization; violations and penalties.

- A. No person shall willfully 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 chapter or violate any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter.
- B. Any person who shall violate any provision of Subsection **A** shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$200.

[Amended at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. II)]