

ORDINANCE NO. 1437

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RUSTON,
ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RUSTON, ADDING
A NEW CHAPTER 1.11 TO THE RUSTON MUNICIPAL
CODE, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, under State law the City is both “authorized and directed” to either create its own emergency management organization or to be a member of a joint local organization (RCW 38.52.070(1)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ruston contracts with Pierce County for emergency management services and pays an annual fee of approximately \$550 per year to Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to both continue to contract with Pierce County and to establish its own Emergency Management Organization (“EMO”) in order to provide a strong safety net for its citizens while creating a Ruston-specific emergency management plan; and

WHEREAS, this approach increases the likelihood of a good outcome in an emergency because Ruston personnel will be guided by a Ruston-specific plan that they know and have practiced while still having the ability to call on Pierce County for additional resources in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, in order to create a Ruston EMO, a new chapter needs to be added in Title 1 (Administration and Personnel) of the Ruston Municipal Code that creates the organization; and

WHEREAS, after formation of the Ruston EMO a Ruston Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan will need to be prepared and adopted; and

WHEREAS, once this Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is prepared, the City will need to submit its plan and program to the State Emergency Management Director in accordance with RCW 38.52.070; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014 the City Council held first reading of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2014, the City Council adopted this Ordinance at second reading during its regular meeting; **NOW, THEREFORE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new chapter is hereby added to the Ruston Municipal Code to read as follows:

Chapter 1.11

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Sections:

- 1.11.010 Established.**
- 1.11.015 Operations.**
- 1.11.020 Director of emergency services.**
- 1.11.030 Powers.**
- 1.11.040 Emergency operations board.**
- 1.11.050 Emergency preparedness manager.**
- 1.11.060 Emergency management committee.**

1.11.010 Established.

Pursuant to Chapter 38.52 RCW, there is established in the city, an emergency management organization for the purpose of performing local emergency management functions. The organization shall represent the city and shall perform functions only within the city.

1.11.015 Operations.

The organization shall operate under the policy guidance of the Ruston emergency operations plan which shall include the following operational elements: organization, responsibilities, concept of operations, administration and logistics, direction and control.

1.11.020 Director of emergency services.

The organization shall be headed by the director of emergency services. The Mayor or designee shall serve as the Director of Emergency Services. The Director shall be directly responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the emergency management organization. The emergency operations plan and any amendments thereto shall be effective when approved by the Director and the City Council.

1.11.030 Powers.

The organization shall have all powers granted under Chapter 38.52 RCW as now or hereafter amended and as may otherwise be provided by law.

1.11.040 Emergency operations board.

A. There is created and established an emergency operations board to oversee and provide policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council during emergency and recovery periods, and to provide policy direction for development and maintenance of the emergency operations plan. During any emergency or disaster, the board shall also oversee and provide direction to the emergency management committee, and shall be chaired by the director of emergency services.

B. The emergency operations board shall consist of the following members:

1. Mayor, who shall be the chairperson;
2. Planning Director, who shall be the vice-chairperson;
3. Fire chief;
4. Police chief;
5. City Engineer;
6. City Clerk;
7. City Operations Director;
8. Other departments or divisions as designated by Director.

C. Each member shall have specific duties and responsibilities for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery as provided in the city emergency operations plan and shall ensure that the policies established by the emergency management organization in the plan are implemented within their respective city departments.

1.11.050 Emergency preparedness manager.

The Mayor or his designee shall appoint an emergency preparedness manager to direct and coordinate development, implementation and maintenance of the emergency operations plan as chairperson of the emergency management committee, to provide coordination with outside agencies and organizations involved in emergency planning, to provide for public education and information, to manage the emergency operations center during emergencies and to perform such other functions as the Director shall designate.

1.11.060 Emergency management committee.

The emergency operations board shall appoint an emergency management committee to provide staff support to the emergency preparedness manager and the emergency operations board in the development, implementation and maintenance of any emergency operations plan, and to staff the emergency operations center and perform any other necessary functions during any emergency or disaster. The committee shall consist of such key city personnel as are designated by the board members and approved by the Mayor, and such personnel from outside professional and volunteer organizations having key roles in emergency preparedness, planning and response activities as determined by the emergency preparedness manager. The emergency preparedness manager shall chair the committee.

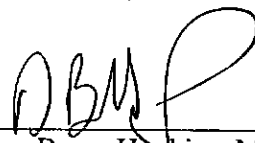
Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Publication. This Ordinance shall be published by an approved summary consisting of the title.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ruston and attested by the City Clerk in authentication of such passage on this 20th day of May, 2014.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 20th day of May, 2014.



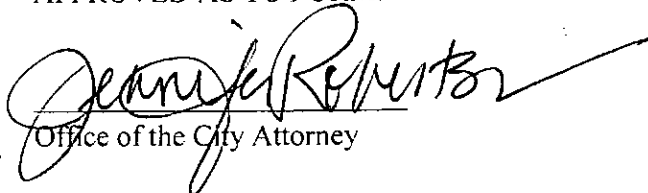
Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Judy Grams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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