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LOCAL LAW NO. 7 2003

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ADD ARTICLE XXX ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Onondaga County Administrative Code, as adopted by Local Law No. 2-1961, as amended, is hereby amended by striking therefrom Section 3.08 of Article III and Section 25.03 of Article XXV, and adding a new Article XXX to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXX

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Section	
30.01	Emergency Management
30.02	Commissioner of Emergency Management Powers and Duties
30.03	Departmental Division and Units
30.04	Director of Emergency Management (Fire) Responsibilities and Duties

Section 30.01 Emergency Management

There shall be a Department of Emergency Management under the direction of a Commissioner who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office. The Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section 30.02 Commissioner of Emergency Management Powers and Duties

The powers and duties of the Commissioner shall be to:

(a) adopt, amend and rescind regulations consistent with and necessary to execute and implement the provisions of the New York State Emergency Defense Act;

(b) supervise the activities of the Director of Emergency Management (Fire);

(c) administer the County emergency management program and to act on behalf of the Chief Executive to build readiness for coordinated operations in both peacetime and attack-caused emergencies;

(d) during emergencies to act as the principal advisor to the Chief Executive with major responsibility to assure coordination among the operating departments of government, with non-government groups and with higher and adjacent governments;

(e) develop an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) facility, and the EOC staffing and procedures that will permit key executives to control coordinated operations by local forces;

(f) prepare the documents necessary to qualify the County to participate in Federal and State emergency management assistance programs;

(g) arrange for exercises to give local officials practice in directing coordinated operations under simulated emergency conditions;

(h) develop unique skills and capabilities not found in existing departments of governments (such as public shelter management and radiological monitoring system);

(i) submit to the County Executive, the County Legislative and the State Disaster Preparedness Commission such reports, data and other information as may be requested regarding disaster preparedness;

(j) coordinate inter-agency emergency medical training programs throughout the County with the Director of Emergency Medical Services;

(k) coordinate with the Director of Emergency Medical Services the development of programs for the training of new emergency medical techniques with local agencies to assist in the coordination of emergency medical services communications throughout the County;

(l) organize, supervise and coordinate cooperative reciprocal fire and other emergency assistance throughout the County;

(m) at the Commissioner's discretion, or as may otherwise be provided by law, attend the site of any fire or other emergency within the County and upon arrival act as a resource to agencies and officials regarding incident management activities;

(n) administer fire training programs, act as advisor and liaison between the various fire fighting and emergency agencies throughout Onondaga County and supervise public relations within the County with respect to fire safety;

(o) direct, operate, and maintain the various divisions and units of the Department of Emergency Management in regard to fire operations and coordination.

(p) have all duties conferred or imposed by law;

(q) except as may otherwise be provided in the Charter or this Code, perform such other and related duties as may be required by the County Executive;

Section 30.03 Department Divisions and Units

There shall be within the Department of Emergency Management a Director of Emergency Management (Fire). The Commissioner shall, in accordance with applicable law, appoint such person as he deems qualified to the position of Director of Emergency Management (Fire) and the Director of Emergency Management (Fire) shall be directly responsible to, and unless otherwise required by law, serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner. The Commissioner

may, within appropriations therefore, create such other divisions or units within the Department as may be deemed appropriate from time to time in the performance of the powers and duties of the office and may also appoint such other Directors and employees of the Department as shall be authorized by the County Legislature. Each such appointee shall be directly responsible to and, unless otherwise provided by law, serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner. Appointments, and revocations thereof, shall be in writing and reported to the Commissioner of Personnel.

Section 30.04 Director of Emergency Management (Fire) Responsibilities and Duties

The responsibilities and duties of the Director of Emergency Management (Fire) shall be to:

(a) report and be directly responsible to the Commissioner;

(b) organize, supervise and coordinate cooperative reciprocal fire and other emergency assistance throughout the County;

(c) administer fire training programs, act as advisor and liaison between the various fire fighting and emergency agencies throughout Onondaga County and supervise public relations within the County with respect to fire safety;

(d) assist the Commissioner in directing, operating, and maintaing the various divisions and units of the Department of Emergency Management in regard to fire operations and coordination;

(e) at the Commissioner's discretion, or as may otherwise be provided by law, attend the site of any fire or other emergency within the County and upon arrival act as a resource to agencies and officials on incident management activities;

(f) have all duties conferred or imposed by law;

(g) perform such other duties and responsibilities as the Commissioner may assign from time to time.

Section 2. Legislation

Except as may otherwise be provide by law, all existing laws, ordinances, legalizing acts, and resolutions of the County relating to the Division of Emergency Management or Fire Coordinator shall remain opperative and binding upon the Department of Emergency Management except where inconsistent with this Local Law.

Section 3. Contracts

All existing contracts between the former Division of Emergency Management or Fire Coordinator and third parties, together with all existing contracts between the County, on behalf of either the Division of Emergency Management or Fire Coordinator, and third parties shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause or sentence of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause or sentence directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement shall have been rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect pursuant to Section 20 and 21 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and requisite filings.

ADOPTED

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