

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CIVIL DEFENSE AND DIS-
 ASTER RELIEF ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE UNINCORPO-
 RATED AREA OF WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA; CREATING
 A COUNCIL OF DEFENSE; OUTLINING THE POWERS AND
 DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE; CREATING THE
 OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR AND OUTLINING HIS
 POWERS AND DUTIES; CREATING A CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS;
 PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF RULES AND RE-
 GULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ORDINANCE; AND
 OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHOE COUNTY DO ORDAIN:

Section 1. Civil Defense. As used in this ordinance, the term "Civil Defense" shall include measures necessary to provide for the mobilization, organization and direction of civilian populace and necessary support agencies to prevent or minimize the effects of fire, flood, storm, earthquake and epidemic as well as the effects of enemy or subservice activities directed against the populace, communities, industrial plants, facilities and other installations.

[Book "R", p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 2. Council of Defense: Membership. The Washoe County Council of Defense is hereby created and shall include the following:

County Commissioners
 Director of Civil Defense (as appointed)
 District Attorney
 Sheriff
 Chairman, County American Red Cross Chapter
 Others, including representatives of business, labor and
 private organizations as may be appointed by the Council.

[Book "R", p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 3. Council of Defense: Powers and duties. It shall be the duty of the Washoe County Council of Defense and it is hereby empowered:

(a) To develop a county civil defense plan. This plan shall provide for the effective mobilization of all the resources of the county.

(b) To prepare and recommend for consideration by the County Commissioners ordinances necessary to implement the civil defense plan.

(c) To consider and recommend to the county council of defense for approval, mutual aid plans and agreements.

[Book "R", p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 4. Civil Defense Director. It is hereby created the office of the county civil defense director. Such officer shall be appointed by the County Commissioners. The civil defense director is hereby empowered:

(a) To represent the County Commissioners on all matters pertaining to civil defense.

(b) To require and direct cooperation of county officials in the preparation and implementation of civil defense plans.

(c) During periods of emergency to direct the services of any county officers or employees and the civil defense corps.

(d) During period of emergency to obtain vital supplies and equipment lacking, needed for the protection of life and property of people and bind the county for the value thereof and if required immediately, requisition same.

[Book "R", p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 5. Civil Defense Corps: General. Officers and employees of the County of Washoe with volunteer forces enrolled to them during an emergency and all groups, organizations and persons who make the agreements on operation of law be charged with duties necessary for the protection of the life and property in the County of Washoe during such an emergency shall constitute the Civil Defense Corps.

[Book "R", p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 6. Divisions of the Civil Defense Corps. The functions and duties of the Washoe county Civil Defense Corps shall be distributed among the divisions as listed below. Each division to be under the direction of a chief and deputy chief appointed by the Council of Defense. The chief of divisions will include public officials as well as private businessmen, who through their profession, knowledge and experience are particularly qualified to head divisions requiring specialized knowledge and experience. The divisions are established as follows:

- Law Enforcement Division
- Fire Services Division
- Medical and Health Division
- Engineering and Utilities Division
- Transportation Division
- Communications Division
- Welfare Division
- Information and Education Division

[Book "R" , p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 7. Volunteers. All persons other than officers and employees of the county volunteering in service pursuant to the defense of this ordinance shall serve without compensation. While engaged in such service they shall have the same immunities as persons and employees of the county performing similar duties.

[Book "R" , p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 8. Penalty. It shall be a misdemeanor punishable by fine, not to exceed \$500, and by imprisonment, not to exceed 6 months, or both, during an emergency:

(a) Willfully to obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the Civil Defense Corps in the enforcement of any lawful rule or regulation issued pursuant to this ordinance or in the performance of any duty imposed upon him by virtue of this ordinance.

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(b) To do any act forbidden by any lawful rules or regulations issued pursuant to this ordinance if such act is of such a nature as to give assistance to the enemy or to imperil the life or property of any inhabitant of this county or to prevent, hinder or delay the defense or protection thereof.

(c) To wear or carry or display without authority any mark or identification specified by the Council of Defense.

[Book "R" , p. 273 (1-5-1951)]

Section 9. Effective date . This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

[Book "R" , p. 273 (1-5-1951)]
