

**FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ORDINANCE
Ord. No. 142; Date of Adoption: January 1986**

An Ordinance to establish a Township Emergency Preparedness Policy and Organization; to define the responsibilities of the civil preparedness liaison; to authorize the use of the material resources and manpower of the Township in emergency operations; to prevent, minimize, and relieve damage to persons and property resulting from any form of disaster, and to repeal inconsistent ordinances.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FRENCHTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS:

Article 1. Intent and Purpose.

Section 101. It is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to establish a policy and organization that will insure the complete and efficient utilization of all resources during periods of emergency.

Section 102. Furthermore, it is the intent and purpose to establish the position of Civil Preparedness Liaison to provide coordination between this Municipality and the County Civil Preparedness Director/Coordinator.

Section 103. The Civil Preparedness Director/Coordinator of the County, in accordance with Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended, and the County Emergency Services resolution, is the coordinator of emergency services activities in the political subdivisions within the County.

Section 104. This Ordinance will not relieve any elected official or municipal department of the normal responsibilities or authority given by State or Federal law or local ordinance, nor will it affect the work of the American Red Cross or other volunteer agencies organized for relief in natural disaster.

Article 2. Definition.

Section 201. For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain words used herein are defined as follows:

(a) "Civil Preparedness Liaison" shall mean the person appointed by the Township Supervisor to provide liaison services between the Township of Frenchtown and the County Office of Civil Preparedness.

(b) "Disaster" means an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of manmade cause, including but not limited to fire, flood, snow, ice or wind storm, wave action, oil spills, water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, utility failure, hazardous peacetime contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action. Riots and other civil disorders are not within the meaning of this term unless they directly result from and are an aggravating element of the disaster.

(c) "Emergency Services Forces" means all disaster relief forces; all agencies of the municipal government, private and volunteer personnel, public officers and employees; and all other persons or groups of persons having duties or responsibilities under this Ordinance or pursuant to a lawful order or directive authorized by this Ordinance.

(d) "Emergency Situation" means any situation confronting a community requiring emergency actions of a lesser nature than a disaster, as defined above, to include, but not limited to, civil disturbances, labor strikes, visits by national or international dignitaries, and build-up activities prior to an actual disaster.

(e) "State of Disaster" means a declaration by executive order or proclamation by the Governor under the provisions of Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, which activities the disaster response and recovery aspects of state, local, and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and authorizes the deployment and use of any forces to which the plan or plans apply.

Article 3. Organization for Emergency Services.

Section 301. The Supervisor of Frenchtown Charter Township with the approval of the Township Board is hereby authorized and directed to prepare for community disasters, utilizing to the fullest extent existing agencies within the Township. The Supervisor as executive head of the Township government, shall be responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Township's Emergency Services Forces, if any, working through the County Civil Preparedness Coordinator and the Township Civil Preparedness Liaison.

Section 302. The employees, equipment, and facilities of all Frenchtown Charter Township departments, boards, agencies, and commissions suitable for, or adaptable to emergency service activities may be designated as part of the total Emergency Services Forces of the County. Such designations shall be made by the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners with the approval of the Frenchtown Charter Township Board.

Article 4. Civil Preparedness Liaison.

Section 401. The Frenchtown Charter Township Supervisor, with the approval of the Township Board shall appoint a Civil Preparedness Liaison who shall be a person with the personal attributes and experience to provide liaison services to County officials and to coordinate the activities of certain designated Township departments, boards, agencies, and commissioners to protect the public health, safety, and welfare during emergency situations or disasters.

Section 402. The Civil Preparedness Liaison may be the Fire Chief of the Township.

Article 5. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

Section 501. Frenchtown Charter Township Ordinance No. 113, effective December 14, 1976, is hereby repealed.

Article 6. Effective Date.

Section 601. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, and publication in the Monroe Evening News, a newspaper having general circulation in Frenchtown Charter Township, Monroe County, Michigan.

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