

**Chapter 18**  
**CIVIL EMERGENCIES**

**Cross reference**— Administration, ch. 2; fire prevention and protection, ch. 26.

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**Article I. In General**

**Sec. 18-1. Penalty.**

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter, or any order, rule or regulation made under this chapter, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a penalty as provided in section 1-14.

**Secs. 18-2—18-30. Reserved.**

**Article II. Emergency Management**

(S § 25.10)

**Sec. 18-31. Declaration of policy.**

To prepare the town to cope with emergencies resulting from enemy action and natural or manmade disaster, it is declared to be necessary to establish an organization for emergency government for the town by conferring upon the town chairperson and others specified duties and powers consistent with Wis. Stats. ch. 166.  
(Code 1982, § 6.01)

### **Sec. 18-32. Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Civil defense* means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the state and its political subdivisions to prepare for and minimize the effects of enemy action upon the civilian population.

*Emergency government* includes "civil defense" and means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the town to:

- (1) Prepare for and minimize the effect of enemy action and natural or manmade disaster upon the civilian population.
- (2) Effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital public utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by such action or disaster.

(Code 1982, § 6.02)

**Cross reference—** Definitions generally, § 1-2.

**State law reference—** Definitions, Wis. Stats. § 166.02.

### **Sec. 18-33. Emergency government committee.**

- (a) *Town board to serve.* The town board shall be the emergency government committee, whose chairperson shall be the chairperson of the town board.
- (b) *Duties.* The emergency government committee shall be an advisory and planning group and shall advise the coordinator of emergency government services on all emergency government matters. The emergency government committee shall annually prepare and adopt a budget for emergency government.

(Code 1982, § 6.03)

**Cross reference—** Boards, committees, commissions, § 2-151 et seq.

### **Sec. 18-34. Coordinator of emergency government services.**

- (a) *Office created.* There is hereby created the office of coordinator of emergency government services.
- (b) *Joint coordinator.* The coordinator of emergency government services shall also hold the office of coordinator of emergency government services for the Village of Union Grove upon enactment by the village board of an ordinance parallel to this article.
- (c) *Appointment.* The coordinator of emergency government services shall be appointed by the town and Village of Union Grove emergency government committees in joint session.

- (d) *Term.* The coordinator of emergency government services shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- (e) *Powers and duties.* The coordinator of emergency government services, subject to the control and direction of the town and village boards, shall:
  - (1) Develop and promulgate a joint emergency government plan for the town and Village of Union Grove consistent with state and county plans.
  - (2) Direct the emergency government program for the town and the Village of Union Grove and perform such other duties related to emergency government as are required by the town and village boards.
  - (3) Direct the town and Village of Union Grove emergency government training programs and exercises.
  - (4) Direct town and Village of Union Grove participation in emergency government training programs and exercises.

(Code 1982, § 6.04)

**State law reference—** Powers and duties of head of emergency management, Wis. Stats. § 166.03(5).

### **Sec. 18-35. Utilization of existing services and facilities.**

- (a) *Policy.* In preparing and executing the emergency government program, the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the town and Village of Union Grove shall be utilized to the maximum extent practicable. The heads and personnel of all such departments and agencies are directed to cooperate and extend such services and facilities as are required of them.
- (b) *Responsibility.* To ensure that in an emergency all the facilities of the existing town and village governments are expanded to the fullest to meet such emergency, department and agency heads assigned to specific responsibilities under the joint emergency operations plan shall fulfill emergency and nonemergency duties as prescribed in the plan.

(Code 1982, § 6.09)

### **Sec. 18-36. Penalty.**

Whoever intentionally fails to comply with the directives of emergency government authorities promulgated under this article during a state of emergency or during any training program or exercise may be subject to a penalty as provided in section 1-14.

(Code 1982, § 6.10)