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Sec. 5-5-1 Emergency Management Definitions.

- (a) The term Emergency Management shall mean the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to mitigate, prepare and respond for, and recover from disasters caused by a terrorism or other hostile action or by fire, flood or other natural causes.
- (b) The term National Incident Management System” (NIMS) shall mean a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines. The intent of NIMS is to:
 - (1) be applicable across a full spectrum of potential incidents and hazard scenarios, regardless of size or complexity.
 - (2) improve coordination and cooperation between public and private entities in a variety of domestic incident management activities.
- (c) The term Incident Command System (ICS) shall mean a standardized, on-scene, all-hazard incident management concept. ICS allows its users to adopt an integrated organizational structure to match the complexities and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.

Sec. 5-5-2 Joint Action Ordinance.

- (a) (1) Joint Action Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County providing for a County-Municipal joint action emergency government plan of organization adopted by said County Board on the 16th day of March, 1972. A copy of said County ordinance is on file with the City Clerk and made a part hereof, by reference, and is hereby ratified and accepted by the City of Onalaska.
- (2) This ratification and acceptance of the Joint Action Ordinance shall constitute a mutual agreement between the City of Onalaska and the County of La Crosse as provided by said Joint Action Ordinance.

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- (b) The County Emergency Management Coordinator, appointed and employed by the La Crosse County Board, is hereby designated and appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Onalaska subject to the conditions and provisions as set forth in the Wisconsin Statutes and the La Crosse County Joint Action Ordinance.

Sec. 5-5-3 Utilization of Existing Services and Facilities.

In preparing and executing the City's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP), the City's Emergency Management Director(s) (EMDs) shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the City to the maximum extent practicable. When the Common Council has approved of the plan, it shall be the duty of all municipal agencies and departments of the City to perform the duties and functions assigned by the approved plan.

Sec. 5-5-4 Declaration of Emergency.

The Emergency Management Team shall take action in accordance with the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) only after the declaration of an emergency and issuance of the official disaster warning. Declaration of emergency shall be made by the Governor, the Mayor or, in his/her absence, by the President of the Common Council or an alderperson. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority, provided that any declaration not issued by the Governor may be terminated by the Common Council.

Sec. 5-5-5 Emergency Regulations.

Whenever necessary to meet an Emergency Government emergency for which adequate regulations have been adopted by the Common Council, the Mayor and, in his absence, the Director of Emergency Government, may proclaim, promulgate and enforce orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property which are necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve lives and property, and to insure the cooperation in Emergency Government activities. Such proclamation shall be posted in three (3) public places and may be rescinded by resolution of the Common Council.

Sec. 5-5-6 Obstruction of Emergency Management Organization.

No person shall willfully obstruct, hinder or delay any member of the Emergency Management organization in the enforcement of any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to this Section or violate any order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this Section. Any person who shall violate any provision of this Section shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a penalty as provided in Section 1-1-7 of this Code.