

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD

ORDINANCE NO. 23

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND ORGANIZATION

An Ordinance to establish a Charter Township of Garfield Emergency Management Policy and Organization; to define the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator; to authorize the use of the material resources and manpower of the Charter Township of Garfield in emergency operations; and to prevent, minimize and relieve damage to persons and property resulting from any form of disaster.

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GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDAINS:

ARTICLE 1. INTENT AND PURPOSE

It is the intent and purpose of this Ordinance to establish the position of Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to provide liaison between this municipality and Grand Traverse County and to insure complete and efficient utilization of all resources during periods of emergency.

The Emergency Management Coordinator of Grand Traverse County, in accordance with Section 9 (1) of Act 390, Public Acts of 1976 and County Resolution 173-81, is the coordinator of emergency services activities in the political subdivisions within Grand Traverse County.

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

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

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

"Emergency Management Coordinator" shall mean the responsible head of the Grand Traverse County Office of Emergency Services, as appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

"Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator" shall mean the person appointed to provide liaison services between the Charter Township of Garfield and the County Office of Emergency Services.

"Disaster" means occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made 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, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, or hostile military or paramilitary action.

"Emergency Proclamation" means a proclamation issued by the Governor that a state of emergency exists under the provisions of Act 302, Public Acts of 1945.

"Emergency Services" shall have a broad meaning to include preparations for, and relief from, the effects of natural and man-made disasters as defined herein, as defined in Act 390, Public Acts of 1976.

"Supervisor" shall mean the chief elected official of the Charter Township of Garfield.

ARTICLE 3. ORGANIZATION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

The Supervisor, 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 municipality. The Supervisor as executive

head of the municipal government, shall be responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the municipality's Emergency Services Forces, if any, working through the Grand Traverse County Emergency Management Coordinator and the Charter Township of Garfield Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

The employees, equipment, and facilities of all municipal 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 Grand Traverse County. Such designations shall be made by the Chairman of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners with the approval of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Garfield.

ARTICLE 4. DEPUTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

The Supervisor, with the approval of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Garfield, shall appoint a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator who shall be a person with the personal attributes and experience to provide liaison services to Grand Traverse County officials and to coordinate the activities of certain designated municipal departments, boards, agencies, and commissions to protect the public health, safety, and welfare during emergency situations or disasters.

ARTICLE 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall have immediate effect.

This Ordinance was introduced on July 8, 1982, and was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Garfield at a meeting thereof held on July 22, 1982.

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