

Chapters 44

Emergency Operations & Preparedness

Sec. 44-1 Emergency Operations & Preparedness

A **state of emergency** is a governmental declaration that may suspend some normal functions of the executive, legislative and judicial powers, alert citizens to change their normal behaviors, or order government agencies to implement emergency preparedness plans. It can also be used as a rationale for suspending rights and freedoms, even if guaranteed under the constitution. Such declarations usually come during a time of natural or man-made disaster, during periods of civil unrest, or following a declaration of war or situation of international or internal armed conflict. .

In the United States, there are several methods for government response to emergency situations. A state governor or local mayor may declare a state of emergency within his or her jurisdiction. This is common at the state level in response to natural disasters ;

An Emergency Operations Committee shall consist of the Mayor, Chief of Police, Local Fire Chief, and Municipal Clerk and shall work as one entity to better serve everyone in the event of a crisis.

An Intergovernmental Servitude Agreement shall be executed by such a Committee each and every June to protect the citizens of the municipal limits with the Mayor, Police Chief, and Clerk having authorization to sign such an agreement.

The Board of Alderman of the Village of Fenton, Louisiana hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of The Village of Fenton, Louisiana pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public work and any other prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Fenton.
- b. Entering into contracts.
- c. Incurring obligations.
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

The Clerk shall carry out his/her duties of transporting vital laws/documents, operations, and financials of the Village of Fenton and shall report back to the command control center as soon as the disaster has passed and begin her duties as financial and operations manager;

The Mayor shall carry out his/her powers to make all decisions imposed on him/her by the Board of Aldermen to manage all operations (financial and citizen welfare) of the Village of Fenton;

The Police Chief shall carry out his/her duties of supplying law enforcement permanent or temporary(reserve officers) to provide protection for the safety of the Village of Fenton;

All duties thus imposed to the Mayor , Clerk, and Police Chief shall be until the Mayor has declared the State of Emergency has ended or such powers or terminated by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Fenton as no such imminent danger is still present to the welfare of the citizens of the Village of Fenton. (Ord. 2011-12)