

Sec. 22-86 (6)

(6) *Civil emergencies.*

(a) *State of emergency.*

- (i) Whenever there shall occur within the city a natural or manmade disaster or emergency, or the occurrence or threat of one that is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action, the mayor and the city manager are designated and empowered to declare a state of emergency. In the event of the mayor's inability to act, the vice mayor is authorized to act in his or her place. In the event of the city manager's inability to act, the deputy city manager is authorized to act in his or her place.
- (ii) The state of emergency shall be initiated by a declaration signed by the mayor and the city manager, and the state of emergency shall continue until the mayor and the city manager find that the threat or danger no longer exists and/or until an emergency meeting of a quorum of the city commission or a regular meeting can take place and terminate the state of emergency by resolution. However, the duration of each declaration of emergency is limited to seven (7) days and may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments.
- (iii) During a state of emergency all laws of the city and the state shall remain in full force and effect except as otherwise provided in this chapter. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit the authority of the mayor or city commissioners to declare or terminate a state of emergency and take any action authorized by law when sitting in a regular or special session.
- (iv) Additional matters as deemed necessary to effectuate the emergency powers prescribed herein.

(b) *Declaration of emergency.* The state of emergency declaration shall provide the following:

- (i) The nature of the emergency.
- (ii) A designation, by appropriate boundaries, of the area or areas affected.
- (iii) The conditions which have brought the emergency about or which make possible its termination.
- (iv) Additional matters as deemed necessary to effectuate the emergency powers prescribed herein.

(c) *Violation of emergency orders.* It shall be unlawful to violate any order that is issued during an emergency when the order is included in any declaration of emergency and is issued for the purpose of protecting life and property.

(Ord. No. 00-34, § 2, 7-5-00; Ord. No. 14-16, § 19, 6-17-14)