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16-1-1 ESTABLISHMENT

St. Elmo Emergency Services (SEES) is hereby established to prevent, minimize, repair, and alleviate injury or damage resulting from disaster caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from natural or man-made disaster, in accordance with "The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305, et. seq.)". SEES shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) City Coordinators for St. Elmo.

16-1-2 CITY COORDINATORS

The City Coordinators for St. Elmo shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve until removed by same. The Coordinators for St. Elmo shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration, training, and operation of the SEES, subject to the direction and control of the Mayor as provided by statute. In the event of the absence, resignation, death or inability to serve of a Coordinator for St. Elmo, the Mayor shall designate a person to be and act as a Coordinator for St. Elmo until a new appointment is made as provided in this Ordinance.

16-1-3 FUNCTIONS

St. Elmo Emergency Services shall perform such emergency services functions within the City as shall be prescribed in and by the State Emergency Management plan and program prepared by the Governor, and such orders, rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Governor, and in addition shall perform such duties outside the corporate limits as may be required pursuant to any Mutual Aid agreement with any other political subdivision, municipality, or quasi-municipality entered into as provided in "Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act".

16-1-4 SERVICE AS MOBILE SUPPORT TEAM

All or any members of the St. Elmo Emergency Service organization may be designated as members of a Mobile Support Team created by the director of the State Emergency Management Agency as provided by law. The leader of such a Mobile Support Team shall be designated by the Coordinators of the SEES organization. Any member of a Mobile Support Team who is a City employee or officer while serving on call to duty by the Governor, or the State Director, shall receive the compensation and have the powers, duties, rights, and immunities incident to such employment or office. Any such member who is not a paid officer or employee of the City while so serving, shall receive from the state reasonable compensation as provided by law.

- 16-1-5 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS
The Coordinators for SEES may negotiate Mutual Aid Agreements with other cities or political subdivisions of the State, but no such agreement shall be effective until it has been approved by the Mayor, the State Director of Emergency Management Agency and the City Council.
- 16-1-6 DISASTER DECLARATION
If the Governor proclaims that a disaster emergency exists in the event of actual enemy attack upon the United States or the occurrence within the State of Illinois of a major disaster resulting from enemy sabotage or other hostile action, or from man-made or natural disaster, it shall be the duty of SEES to cooperate fully with the State Emergency Management Agency and with the Governor in the exercise of emergency powers as provided by law.
- 16-1-7 COMPENSATION
Members of the SEES who are paid employees or officers of the City, if called for training by the State Director of Emergency Management Agency, shall receive for the time spent in such training the same rate of pay as is attached to the position held; members who are not such City employees or officers shall receive for such training time such compensation as may be established by the City Council.
- 16-1-8 STATE REIMBURSEMENT
The Municipal Treasurer may receive and allocate to the appropriate fund, any reimbursement by the State to the City for expenses incident to training members as prescribed by the State Director of Emergency Management Agency, compensation for services and expenses of members of a Mobile Support Team while serving outside the City in response to a call by the Governor or State Director, as provided by law, and any other reimbursement made by the State incident to Emergency Management Agency activities as provided by law.
- 16-1-9 PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION
The Mayor may, upon majority recommendation of the Coordinators for SEES, authorize any purchase of contracts necessary to place the City in a position to combat effectively any disaster resulting from the explosion of any nuclear or other bomb or missile, and to protect the public health and safety, protect property, and provide emergency assistance to victims in the case of such disaster, or from man-made or natural disaster. In the event of enemy-caused or other disaster, the Coordinators for SEES are authorized, on behalf of the City, to procure such services, supplies, equipment or material as may be necessary for such purposes, in view of the exigency without regard to the statutory procedures or formalities

normally prescribed by law pertaining to City Contracts or obligations, as authorized by "The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act", provided that they shall act subject to the directions and restrictions imposed by the City Council.

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OATH

Every person who shall at some future date be appointed to serve in any capacity in the SEES organization shall, before entering upon his duties, subscribe to the following oath, which shall be filed with the Coordinator for St. Elmo:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend and bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the territory, institutions, facilities thereof, both public and private, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter. And I do further swear (or affirm) that I do not advocate, nor am I nor have I been a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State by force or violence; and that during such time as I am affiliated with the St. Elmo Emergency Services organization, I will not advocate nor become a member of any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State by force or violence."

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OFFICE

The Mayor is authorized to designate space in a City building, or elsewhere, as may be provided for by the Mayor for the SEES as its office.

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APPROPRIATION AND LEVY

The City Board of Alderman may make an appropriation for emergency services purposes in the manner provided by law, and may levy in addition for emergency services purposes only, a tax not to exceed five (5) cents per one hundred (100) dollars of the assessed value of all taxable property in addition to all other taxes, as provided by "The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act"; however, that amount collectible under such levy shall in no event exceed .25 cents per capita.

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DEFINITION

SEES. This abbreviation means unless otherwise defined "St. Elmo Emergency Services.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CLAUSE

The City agrees to abide by all State Equal Employment Opportunity clauses as required to be a part of public contracts.

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