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§ 6-102 CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR.

Editor's Note: see chapter 1, §§1-316 and 1-325.

§ 6-103 CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Editor's Note: see chapter 1, §§1-317 and 1-325.

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§ 6-201 DEFINITIONS.

1. *Civil Defense.* The term "civil defense" shall mean the preparation for, and carrying out of, all emergency functions, other than functions for which primary responsibility is assigned elsewhere by federal, state or local law or ordinance, to protect the public peace, health and safety and to preserve lives and property in the city of Blanchard, Oklahoma, during any emergency resulting from enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action, or from any flood, drought, fire, hurricane, earthquake, storm or other catastrophe in or near said community, and involving imminent or actual peril to life and property. These functions include administration, organization, planning, recruiting, training, education, information, welfare service, relief service, police service, warden service, fire service, rescue service, medical service, health service, transportation service, communications service, streets and sewers service, utilities service, general engineering service, plant protection service, supply service, mutual aid, mobile support, evacuation and all other functions necessary or incidental to the preparation for any carrying out of the foregoing functions.

2. *Enemy-Caused Emergency.* The term "enemy-caused emergency" shall mean any state of emergency caused by actual or impending attack, sabotage or other hostile action, anywhere within the United States and involving imminent peril to lives and property in the city of Blanchard, Oklahoma. Such emergency shall be deemed to exist only when the mayor shall so declare any public proclamation and such emergency shall be deemed to exist until the aforesaid mayor shall declare its termination by public proclamation, or until the city council shall declare its termination by resolution.

3. *Natural Emergency.* The term "natural emergency" shall mean any state of emergency caused by any actual or impending flood, drought, fire, hurricane, earthquake, storm or other catastrophe in or near the city of Blanchard, Oklahoma, and involving imminent peril to lives and property. Such emergency shall be deemed to exist and to be terminated under the same conditions as prescribed for an "enemy-caused emergency".

§ 6-202 LIABILITY.

1. Neither the city of Blanchard, Oklahoma, nor any officer or member of the civil defense organization provided for in this code of ordinances, shall be liable for personal injury or property damage sustained by any person appointed or acting as a volunteer civil defense worker or member of any agency engaged in civil defense activity prior to, or during, either an enemy-caused or a natural emergency.

2. Nor shall the city or any such officer or member be liable for the death or injury of any persons, or damage to property, resulting from such civil defense activity prior to, or during, either an enemy-caused or a natural emergency.

§ 6-203 FEDERAL, STATE OR PRIVATE AID MAY BE ACCEPTED.

Whenever the federal government, the state of Oklahoma, or any person, firm or corporation shall offer to the city of Blanchard, Oklahoma, any services, equipment, supplies, materials or funds by way of gift, grant or loan, for purposes of civil defense, the mayor or city manager may accept such offer and may authorize the civil defense director to receive the same, subject to the terms of the offer and the rules and regulations, if any, of the agency making the offer.

ARTICLE 3

PENALTY

§ 6-301 Penalty.

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Any person, firm or corporation who violates any provision of this chapter, shall be guilty of an offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed the limits established in §8-301 of this code of ordinances. Each day upon which a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

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§ 6-401 OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEMS.

The purpose of this article is to provide for “outdoor warning systems” which shall mean a network of electronic and/or mechanical siren devices, otherwise known as tornado sirens, located throughout the city to alert and warn citizens of approaching severe weather storms and other conditions as deemed necessary by the city manager or his designee. This network is an essential part of an emergency response to a natural or man-made disaster. (Ord. No. 587, 5/14/13)

§ 6-402 FEES.

The initial fee under this article shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) per acre or per lot [whichever is greater] with the city for the future placement, expansion and upgrade of outdoor warning devices (sirens). This fee may be amended, from time to time, by motion or resolution by the city council.

A. All developers shall deposit the minimum fee at the time of final platting along with administrative fees and those fees associated with developments.

B. All applicants for short form subdivisions (lot splits) shall deposit the minimum fee at the time of filing application.

C. All applicants for building permits, not addressed in A or B above, shall deposit the minimum fee at the time of application for a building permit.

D. All applicants for zoning reclassification of property, shall deposit the minimum fee at the time of application for rezoning.

E. All applicants for variance and/or permitted use on review before the Board of Adjustment, shall deposit the minimum fee at the time of such application. (Ord. No. 587, 5/14/13)

§ 6-403 **DEPOSIT OF FEES.**

The fees provided for in Section 6-402 above shall be deposited in an account entitled “Outdoor Warning System Improvement Fund” within the Capital Projects Fund. Such fees shall be budgeted and appropriated for the purposes of the future placing, expanding, upgrading, and maintenance of a network of outdoor warning devices throughout the city of Blanchard. (Ord. No. 587, 5/14/13)

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