

Ordinance No. _____ - 2006

Ordinance Renaming Emergency Services Department and Establishing Revised Priority for Persons Authorized to Declare a State of Emergency and Amending San Juan County Code Chapter 2.48

WHEREAS, the San Juan County Council desires to adopt an ordinance for the purpose of amending the San Juan County Code to clarify the responsibilities of emergency management in the County in light of the adoption of the County's "Home Rule" Charter;

WHEREAS, the County Council finds that this ordinance satisfies the health, safety and public welfare of the people of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the County conducted a duly advertised public hearing on _____, 2006 and received public testimony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of San Juan County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. SJCC 2.48.010 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 2 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.010 Created.

An emergency management council is created, to be composed of the Town Administrator of Friday Harbor, the San Juan County Administrator, and to be known as the San Juan County-Friday Harbor emergency management council (EMC), all under the authority of Chapter 38.52 RCW.

Section 2. SJCC 2.48.020 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 3 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.020 Department of emergency management.

A local organization for emergency management is created, to be called the San Juan County-Friday Harbor department of emergency management.

Section 3. SJCC 2.48.030 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 4 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.030 Appointment of director.

A director of the department of emergency management shall be appointed by the emergency management council. The director shall have the direct responsibility for the administration and operation of the department, subject to the direction of the emergency management council.

Section 4. SJCC 2.48.040 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 5 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.040 Duties of director.

The director shall be empowered and directed to:

- A. Prepare emergency plans and programs for San Juan County, in accordance with the state comprehensive emergency plan and program.
- B. Manage the emergency management organization for the County.
- C. Represent the emergency organization of this County in all dealings with the public and public and private agencies pertaining to emergency management and disasters.

Section 5. SJCC 2.48.050 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 6 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.050 Annual meeting.

The emergency management council shall meet at least once per year. The meeting date shall be agreed upon by the members of the council. At the annual meeting, the emergency management director shall present an annual report outlining goals and objectives for the upcoming year, and accomplishments from the previous.

Section 6. SJCC 2.48.100 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 11 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.100 Disaster declarations.

The County Council bears responsibility for declaring a state of emergency in San Juan County. In the event the County Council cannot convene, an effort shall be made to contact the Council members in person or by telephone. A state of emergency may be declared by any one of the Council members in the event they are not able to contact any other Council members. In the event that no Council members can be contacted, the following individuals are authorized to declare a state of emergency, subject to approval by the County Council members at the earliest possible date:

- A. County Administrator;
- B. Director of Department of Emergency Management;
- C. County Sheriff;
- D. Emergency services coordinator;
- E. The highest ranking member of the San Juan County sheriff's department available.

Section 7. SJCC 2.48.110 and Ordinance 9-1998 § 12 are hereby amended to read as follows:

2.48.110 Director of emergency management - Authority.

In the event of a disaster, the director, or his or her designee, is empowered to:

- A. Make and issue rules and regulations reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such disaster; provided, that the rules and regulations must be confirmed by the County Council at the earliest practical time.
- B. Obtain vital supplies, equipment and other such properties needed for the protection of life and property, and to bind the county for fair value thereof.
- C. Request emergency service of any County officer or employee, and to secure the aid of volunteers as needed.
- D. Requisition necessary personnel or material of any County department or agency.

ADOPTED this _____ of _____ 2006.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

ATTEST: Si A. Stephens, Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council

Alan Lichter, Chair
District 4

By: _____
Carolyn Morrison - Interim Clerk
Date:

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