

LOCAL LAW NO. 4-1987
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 3.02 (i) OF ARTICLE III AND SECTION 12.07 OF
ARTICLE XII THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO MORE
CORRECTLY DESCRIBE THE DUTIES AND CHANGE THE NAME OF OFFICE OF CIVIL
DEFENSE

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York as follows:

Section I. Intent. It is the intent of this Local Law to clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Civil Defense Office to include emergency services.

Section II. That the Chautauqua County Administrative Code, Article III, Section 3.20 (i) be and the same hereby is amended as follows:

(i) Appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, the County Historian, (Civil Defense Director) Director of Emergency Management and Civil Defense, Fire Coordinator, and all other County officers, except as provided in this Code or the Charter.

Section III. That the Chautauqua County Administrative Code, Article XII, Section 12.07, be and the same hereby is amended as follows:

Section 12.07 [Office of Civil Defense] Office of Emergency Management and Civil Defense
There shall be an Office of [Civil Defense] Emergency Management and Civil Defense, who shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. [He] The Director shall serve at the discretion of the County Executive and have such powers, duties and liabilities as established by State Law. Upon the threat or occurrence of a natural disaster emergency, [he] the Director shall take such action as directed by the Sheriff. In a time of natural or nuclear disaster, all political subdivisions of the County shall come under the direction of the Director of [Civil Defense] Emergency Management and Civil Defense.

During emergencies, the Director of [Civil Defense] Emergency Management and Civil Defense shall act as the principal advisor to the County Executive. [His] The major responsibility of the Director is to assume coordination among the operating departments of all levels of government with non-governmental groups such as hospitals and medical professionals, and with higher and adjacent governments. During non-emergency periods [he] the Director will develop and implement county-wide planning and other preparations need to assure coordinated operations should an emergency occur.

Section IV. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after adoption or upon approval of the electors in the event a petition requesting a referendum is filed pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

(Note: Deleted material in brackets; new material is underlined.)

Introduced: 7/8/87

Adopted by Legislature: 7/22/87 R/C Vote: 25 Yes

Public Hearing: 8/7/87

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