

Section 9 - PUBLIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES

SECTION I: Under the authority of Section 9-185 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958 as amended, a constable or constables shall henceforth be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION II: The number of constable or constables to be appointed, the qualifications and the terms of office thereof, shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, from time to time; except that no term shall exceed one year. A person may serve consecutive terms as a constable.

SECTION III: The Board of Selectmen shall have the right, with or without cause, to terminate the term of office of any constable irrespective of the length of term of his appointment.

SECTION IV: The maximum number of constables who may be members of the same political party shall be the same as set forth in the schedule provided in Section 9-167a of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut Revision of 1958 as amended.

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ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO DEEP RIVER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL CENTER

BE IT RESOLVED that the supervision and maintenance of the Deep River Emergency Control Center, as stated above, be vested in the Board of Selectmen and a five (5) member committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Effective July 3, 1996.
Recorded in Town Acts Book Vol. 7 Pg. 297

History: Full text of ordinance repeals Item (k) of Deep River Fire Department Ordinance dated March 6, 1939, and amended December 1, 1980, which gives supervision of the Deep River Emergency Communications Control Center to the Board of Fire Commissioners. See Town Acts Vol. 7, Pg. 297.

EMERGENCY ALARM ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE

To provide minimum standards for the use, installation and maintenance of emergency alarm systems installed and utilized in buildings or structures within the Town of Deep River.

SECTION II: DEFINITION

- 2.1 Alarm Devise--any device which, when activated, summons emergency personnel and/or agencies
- 2.2 Emergency Dispatch Center--dispatch agencies for the Deep River Fire Department, Deep River Ambulance Association, and Deep River Police Department.
- 2.3 False Alarm--activation of an alarm device through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation/testing, or negligence on the part of the property owner/agent. Excludes weather related problems, municipal power failures, and telephone utility failures.

SECTION III: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 3.1 All alarm systems shall be registered with the Deep River Fire Marshal's Office, in accordance with established procedures.
- 3.2 Automatic dialers are prohibited.
- 3.3 All educational related facilities and convalescent facilities are considered critical response centers and all such alarms are to be monitored by the Deep River Emergency Dispatch Center
- 3.4 Exterior alarm signals of the audible type, are to be restricted to thirty (30) minutes duration, without reset, unless otherwise restricted by Code or Law.

SECTION IV: FALSE ALARMS

A third false alarm within a twelve (12) month period would be considered a violation of this ordinance. The twelve-month period is to be established by calendar year.

SECTION V: MAINTENANCE AND TESTING

- 5.1 Owner/agent is responsible to properly maintain the alarm system and for proper record keeping.
- 5.2 Alarms to be tested periodically. Prior to testing, the emergency dispatch center is to be notified. All testing will be limited to normal business hours.

SECTION VI: ENFORCEMENT

- 6.1 Administration and enforcement of this ordinance shall be the responsibility of the Deep River Fire Marshal's Office.
- 6.2 Alarm systems which have malfunctions must be taken off line until proper maintenance has been performed and the Deep River Fire Marshal's Office notified.

SECTION VII: PENALTIES

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each violation. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

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CONCERNING NATIONAL DEFENSE

SECTION I: In order to further National Defense and safeguard and protect life and property within the city (or town) of Saybrook (Deep River) in case of enemy air raids or attacks or threatened air raids or attacks or for the purpose of trial blackouts or other trials or tests to prepare to meet such air raids or attacks, all persons within the city (or town) are required to comply with the rules, regulations and orders pertaining thereto promulgated by the Army, Navy, or State Defense Council, or by any person or organization, acting by lawful authority of them or any of them, provided, however, that warnings of the beginning and termination of the period of such eventuality shall be given throughout the city (or town) by audible signals.

SECTION II: All police and firemen and all members of the auxiliary police and fire forces of the city (or town) are hereby authorized and directed to enforce blackout plans and defense measures and the said rules, regulations and orders pertaining thereto during such periods and summarily to compel compliance therewith. In cases of immediate threat of enemy action, they may abate conditions dangerous to the public safety.

SECTION III: The Mayor (or Board of Selectmen) is authorized to establish, promulgate and enforce such local rules, regulations and orders with respect to such periods not inconsistent with the rules, regulations and orders referred to in Section I thereof, as he (or they) shall deem necessary or appropriate to effect the spirit and intent of this ordinance.

SECTION IV: Any person violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, or during any period of blackout and defense, any of the said rules, regulations and orders pertaining thereto or who shall fail or refuse during any such period to comply with any instructions lawfully given by any police or fireman or any member of the auxiliary police or fire forces of the city (or town), or who shall obstruct or interfere with any such officer in the performance of his duties, shall be fined not exceeding \$100 or imprisoned not more than 3 months or both.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

The definitions of Emergency Management and related terms used in this ordinance shall be the same as the definitions provided in Section 28-1, Chapter 517 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

SECTION II: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

A. Authority, Established Supervision

1. By authority of Section 28-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, an organization of town government to be known as the Office of Emergency Management is hereby established.
2. The established Office of Emergency Management to be under the direction and supervision of an Emergency Management Director assisted by a Deputy Director. The Director shall be responsible for the organization, administration and operation of said local organization. The Deputy Director shall assume the duties of the Office in the absence of the Director.

B. Appointment, Powers and Duties of the Director and Deputy Director

1. The Emergency Management Director and Deputy Director shall be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town, and shall serve at the will of the Chief Executive Officer. The Director and/or Deputy Director may be removed from office at any time by the Chief Executive Officer.
2. The Emergency Management Director shall report directly to the Chief Executive Officer. The Deputy Director shall report to the Director.
3. The Director shall advise the Chief Executive Officer on all Emergency Management matters and related laws, rules, regulations and requirements of Title 28 and Public Act 87-535 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, and the Federal Natural Disaster Relief Act of 1974.
4. The Emergency Management Director shall develop, organize, direct and coordinate the Town's Emergency Management Program with the goal of saving lives and protecting property by maintaining emergency operational capabilities that mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any emergency or disaster.
5. The Director shall develop and organize the Emergency Management Program in accordance with local, state and federal emergency management requirements.
6. The Emergency Management Director shall coordinate the activities of all town departments, agencies and offices and the activities of all volunteer organizations, but in no instance shall assume direction and control of any town department, agency or office unless directed by written authority from the Chief Executive Officer.
7. The Director shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. The Emergency Operations Plan shall become effective upon the signature of the Chief Executive Officer.
8. The Emergency Management Director shall be responsible for the coordination of training and exercises required to maintain adequate emergency management and emergency response capabilities in town.

9. The Director shall be responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteer Emergency Management Personnel.
10. The Director shall maintain continuous contact with the State Office of Emergency Management, and shall prepare and submit reports and all paperwork necessary to ensure that the town qualifies and receives all possible funding, equipment and other benefits or assistance available from the State and/or Federal Emergency Management Program. All requests for outside funding and/or assistance shall be in accordance with established local procedures.

C. Responsibilities of Departments, Agencies and Offices of Town Government

1. Each department, agency and office of the town government required to have an annex to the Town's Emergency Operations Plan shall develop and maintain such annex in accordance with local, state and federal emergency management requirements.
2. Each department, agency and office of town government shall cooperate with the Emergency Management Director to the fullest extent possible in the development and maintenance of the local Emergency Management Program.

D. Emergency Management Responsibilities and Power of the Chief Executive

1. The Chief Executive Officer of the town is responsible for the protection of the health and safety of all residents and all people in town, the protection of property, and the preservation of the local government organization and structure.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of the town shall ensure that the local Emergency Management Organization develops and maintains the capability of local government necessary to respond to any emergency or disaster that may affect the town.
3. During emergency or disaster situations, the Chief Executive Officer has the power and authority to issue emergency and/or disaster declarations and exercise any and all powers granted by the Connecticut General Statutes deemed reasonable and necessary for the protection of residents and people in town, the protection of property, and the preservation of local government.

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TOWN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREA SMOKING BAN ORDINANCE

1. No person shall use, carry or smoke a lighted cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or powered-on vaporizer device, or use cannabis-type substance including marijuana, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 21 a-240, in any form in or upon any park, playground, recreation area, athletic fields, trail, boat launch, beach, or area of assembly owned, leased or controlled by the Town of Deep River and the Deep River Parks and Recreation Commission, as may be more specifically designated by the Board of Selectman; provided however, that signs are posted in the area such as to reasonably warn persons that the area is subject to this 'No Smoking' ordinance.
2. Violation of this smoking ban shall constitute an infraction which will result in a fine and/or expulsion from the public facility.

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