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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Helmetta 1-12-72. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Fire Department — See Ch. 9.
Police Department — See Ch. 13.
Fire prevention — See Ch. 35.
Peace and good order — See Ch. 42.
Vehicle and traffic — See Ch. 55.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Helmetta, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey:

§ 5-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the term "civil defense" shall include measures for the mobilization, organization and direction of the civilian population and necessary support agencies to prevent or minimize the effects of fire, flood, earthquake and epidemic, as well as the effects of a nuclear war or any subversive activities against the populace, communities, industrial plants, facilities and other installations.

§ 5-2. Powers and duties.

It shall be the duty of the Borough of Helmetta Office of Civil Defense, and it is hereby empowered:

- A. To develop a Municipal Civil Defense Operational Survival Plan. This plan shall provide for the effective mobilization of all resources of the municipality, both private and public.
- B. To prepare and recommend, for consideration by the Council, ordinances necessary to implement the Civil Defense Operational Survival Plan.
- C. To consider and recommend to the Council for approval, all mutual aid plans and agreements.
- D. Other (as may be determined by the Council or local Director).

§ 5-3. Civil Defense Director.

There is hereby created the office of the Helmetta Civil Defense Director. Such officer shall be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Council. The Civil Defense Director is hereby charged:

- A. To represent the Mayor on all matters pertaining to civil defense.
- B. During periods of emergency, to direct and coordinate the services of all municipal forces.
- C. To obtain and utilize cooperation of the Borough of Helmetta officials in the preparation and implementation of a Civil Defense Operational Survival Plan.

§ 5-3.1. Powers of the Mayor.

The Mayor may declare a state of local emergency and initiate control operations whenever, in his opinion, a disaster has occurred or is imminent, and it shall be the duty of the Director to carry out the duties and responsibilities granted to that office under the terms of this chapter.

§ 5-4. Civil defense organization.

Officers and employees of the municipality of Helmetta, with volunteer forces enrolled to aid them during an emergency, and all groups, organizations and persons who make the agreements on operation of law, shall be charged with duties necessary for the protection of life and property in the Borough of Helmetta during an emergency.

§ 5-5. Volunteers.

All persons, other than officers and employees of the municipality, volunteering in service pursuant to compliance with this chapter, shall serve with, or without, compensation. While engaged in such service they shall have the same immunities and protections as persons and employees of the municipality performing similar duties.

§ 5-6. Emergency legislation.

This chapter is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of public business, health and safety, and it shall take effect immediately upon adoption. A complete and adequate Civil Defense Operational Survival Plan will be formulated at once. This plan will be based upon plans prescribed by and in the New Jersey Operational Survival Plan.