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16-101 Definition

The term "Emergency Management" shall mean the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency and disaster functions other than those functions for which military forces or state and federal agencies are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize, and repair injury and damage resulting from emergencies or disasters, or the imminent threat thereof, of man-made or natural origin. These functions include, without limitation, fire fighting services, police services, medical and health services, rescue, engineering, warning services, communications, protection against the effects of radiological, chemical and other special weapons, emergency transportation, plan protection, shelter, temporary restoration of public utility services, and other functions related to civilian population, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to total emergency and disaster preparedness for carrying out the foregoing functions.

16-102 Office of the County Emergency Management Director

It is the desire and intent of the governing officials of the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, that the City of Lawrenceville, Georgia, be a part of the Gwinnett County Emergency Management Agency. The present Emergency Management Director will serve as Director for the entire county. Should that office become vacant the Chairman, and County Commissioners of Gwinnett, with concurrence of the Mayors of cities within the county, shall nominate for appointment, by the Governor, a Director of Emergency Management for Gwinnett County. When appointed, the Emergency Management Director is charged with the following duties:

1. To represent the governing officials of the City on matters pertaining to emergency management.
2. To assist City officials in organizing City departments for emergency operations.
3. To develop, in conjunction with City and County departments, the Gwinnett County Plan for emergency functions set forth in Section 16-101 of this Ordinance. Such plan will

be consonance with the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan and shall be submitted to the governing officials of Gwinnett County and the cities therein for approval.

4. To maintain the Emergency Management Agency and to oversee the carrying out of the day-to-day administration of the Gwinnett Emergency Management program, including the submission of required reports, to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.
5. To submit reports as required by governing officials in keeping with good management practices, e.g., financial, daily activity, etc.
6. To obtain, with the authority of governing officials, a facility to be used as the Gwinnett Emergency Operations Center.
7. To coordinate the activities of the Gwinnett Emergency Operating Center staff during periods of an emergency, and under the supervision of Gwinnett governing officials.

16-103 GWINNETT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Gwinnett Emergency Management Agency shall be established around existing City and County departments and the emergency functions described in section 16-101 above are assigned as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT/AGENCY</u>	<u>FUNCTIONS*</u>
1. Chairman, County Commissioners Mayors of Cities	Direction and Control
2. County Police Department Sheriff's Office City Police	Communications and Warning
3. County Administrator's Office	Emergency Public Information
4. County Police Department City Police Department Sheriff's Department	Search, Rescue and Recovery
5. County Police Department City Police Sheriff's Department	Law Enforcement Services
6. County Police Department City Police Fire Department	Evacuation Services

7.	Fire Department	Fire Services
8.	Administrative Services Board of Education	Transportation Services
9.	County Public Utilities City Public Utilities	Public Works Services
10.	Fire Department County Police Department City Police	Medical and Deceased Identification Services
11.	American Red Cross Emergency Management	Emergency Shelter Services
12.	American Red Cross Board of Education	Food Services
13.	DFACS	Human Services
14.	Fire Department	Radiological Protection
15.	Fire Department	Damage Assessment Services
16.	Fire Department and Emergency Services	Resources Management
17.	Fire Department Emergency Management	Hazardous Materials Attack Preparedness Dam Failure Preparedness

(*As appropriate to the local organization, these functions can be assigned to existing departments or may be separate. Functions should be assigned consistent with the local Emergency Operations Plan.)

Heads of City departments listed above are responsible for assisting County Department heads in developing appropriate annexes to the local Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for their assigned emergency functions. Such annexes will be submitted to the Emergency Management Director for inclusion in the local EOP for submission to appropriate local officials for approval.

16-104 POWERS DURING AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

In the event of a man-made or natural disaster, actual enemy attack upon the United States, or any other emergency which may affect the lives and property of the citizens of Lawrenceville, the Mayor of Lawrenceville separately, or jointly with the Chairman, County Commissioners, or in their absences their legally appointed successors the Mayor Pro tem may determine that an emergency or disaster exists and thereafter shall have and may exercise for such period as such emergency or disaster exists or continues, the following powers:

1. To enforce all rules, laws and regulations relating to emergency management, and to assume direct operation control over all emergency management resources;
2. To seize or take for temporary use, any private property for the protection of the public;
3. To sell, lend, give or distribute all or any such property or supplies among the inhabitants of the county and to maintain a strict accounting of property or supplies distributed and for funds received for such property or supplies;
4. And, to perform and exercise such other functions and duties, and take such emergency actions as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety, protection and well-being of the inhabitants of the county.

16-105 VOLUNTEERS

All persons, other than officers and employees of the City, performing emergency functions pursuant to this Ordinance, shall serve with or without compensation. While engaged in such emergency functions, duly assigned volunteers shall have the same immunities as City officers and employees.

16-106 PENALTIES

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance, or any rule, order, or regulation made pursuant to this Ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable for committing a misdemeanor.

16-107 LIBERALITY OF CONSTRUCTION

This Ordinance shall be construed liberally in order to effectuate its purpose.

16-108 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance is effective immediately and where the provisions of this Ordinance are in conflict with existing local laws, the provisions of this Ordinance will govern, and such provisions of existing laws which are in conflict are hereby rescinded.

16-109 REPEALER

All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.