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CHAPTER 1

TELEPHONE SERVICE

SECTION

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20-101. To be furnished under franchise. Telephone service shall be furnished for the municipality and its inhabitants under such franchise as the board of mayor and aldermen shall grant. The rights, powers, duties, and obligations of the municipality, its inhabitants, and the grantee of the franchise shall be clearly stated in the written franchise agreement which shall be binding on all parties concerned.¹

¹The agreements are of record in the office of the recorder.

CHAPTER 2

CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

SECTION

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20-201. Spencer--Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization created. There is hereby created the Spencer - Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization, which shall be a joint operation of the Town of Spencer and the County of Van Buren for the purpose of organizing and directing civil defense for the citizens of the entire county. All other civil defense agencies within the corporate limits of Van Buren County shall be considered as a total part of the county-wide civil defense emergency resources and when such agencies operate out of its corporate limits it shall be at the direction of, subordinate to, and as a part of the Van Buren County civil defense. (Ord. #68-3, May 1968)

20-202. Authority and responsibilities. (1) Authority. In accordance with federal and state enactments of law, the Spencer - Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization is hereby authorized to assist the regular government of the county and governments of all political subdivisions therein, as may be necessary due to enemy caused emergency or natural disasters, including but not limited to: storms, floods, fires, explosions, tornadoes, hurricanes, drought, or peace-time man-made disasters, which might occur affecting the lives, health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of Van Buren County. The Spencer - Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization is hereby authorized to perform such duties and functions as may be necessary on account of said disasters. The Spencer - Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization is hereby designated the official agency to assist regular forces in time of said emergencies.

(2) Responsibilities. The Spencer - Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization shall be responsible for preparation and readiness against enemy caused and natural emergencies arising in Van Buren County, to establish and co-ordinate emergency plans, forces, means, and resources, and is hereby designated the official agency to establish such emergency plans. (Ord. #68-3, May 1968)

20-203. Office of director, his authority and responsibility.

(1) Primary authority. (a) The office of the director of civil defense is hereby created. The director shall have the authority to request the declaration of the existence of an emergency by the mayor and county judge or either or by higher authority as appropriate.

(b) The director shall have overall responsibility for the preparation of all plans and recruitment and training of personnel. All local civil defense plans will be in consonance with state plans and shall be approved by the state CD office.

(c) The director is hereby given the authority to delegate such responsibility and authority as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, subject to the approval of the chief executive officers of the town and county.

(2) Responsibility of the director. The director shall be responsible to the chief executive officers of the town and county for the execution of the authorities, duties, and responsibilities of the Spencer - Van Buren County Civil Defense Organization, for the preparation of all plans and administrative regulations, and for recruitment and training of personnel. (Ord. #68-3, May 1968)

20-204. Spencer--Van Buren County Civil Defense Corps created.

The Spencer--Van Buren County Civil Defense Corps is hereby created. The corps shall be under the direction of the director of civil defense and his staff members with delegated authority; it shall consist of designated regular government employees and volunteer workers. Duties and responsibilities of the corps members shall be outlined in the civil defense emergency plan. (Ord. #68-3, May 1968)

20-205. No municipal or private liability. The duties prescribed in this document are an exercise by the town and county of their governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety and neither the Town of Spencer nor Van Buren County, the agents and representatives of said town and county nor any individual, receiver, firm, partnership, corporation, association or trustee, nor any of the agents thereof, in good faith carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with, any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this document shall be liable for any damage sustained to person or property as the result of said activity. Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises for the purpose of sheltering persons during an actual, impending, or practice enemy attack, shall together with his successors in interest, if any, not be civilly liable for the death of, or injury to, any person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege, or other permission or for loss of, or damage to, the property of such person. (Ord. #68-3, May 1968)

20-206. Expenses of civil defense. No person shall have the right to expend any public funds of the town or county in carrying out any civil defense activities authorized by this document without prior approval by the governing bodies of the town and/or county or both; nor shall any person have any right to bind the town or county by contract, agreement, or otherwise without prior and specific approval by the governing body of the town and/or county, or both. The civil defense director shall disburse such monies as may be provided annually by appropriation of the town and county for the operation of the civil defense organization. Control of disbursements will be as prescribed by agreement between the treasurers of the town and county. He shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of a budget with recommendations as to its adoption by the town and county. All funds shall be disbursed upon vouchers properly executed by the director of civil defense, subject to audit by either the Town of Spencer or Van Buren County. The civil defense director is hereby authorized to accept federal contributions in money, equipment, or otherwise, when available, or state contributions, and is further authorized to accept contributions to the civil defense organization from individuals and other organizations, such funds becoming liable for audit by the town and county. (Ord. #68-3, May 1968)

CHAPTER 3

FAIR HOUSING

SECTION

20-301. Policy.

20-301. Policy. It is the policy of the City of Spencer to provide, within constitutional limitations, for fair housing throughout the city as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, title 4, chapter 21, part 6. (Ord. #95-1, April 1995)

