ANALYSIS

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This ordinance will take immediate effect upon its approval by at least a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors.

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.68 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.68 – EMERGENCY SERVICES

Part 1 DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.68.010 Title of provisions.

This chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "emergency ordinance."

2.68.020 Purpose.

The declared purposes of this chapter are to provide for the preparation and carrying out of plans for the protection of life and property within the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles in the event of an emergency; the establishment, coordination and direction of the Los Angeles County operational area and emergency organization; the establishment, coordination and direction of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council; the establishment, coordination and direction of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles ~~o~~Office of ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management; and the coordination of the preparatory and emergency functions of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles with all other public agencies, organizations and individuals.

2.68.030 Construction of language.

Unless the provisions or the context require~~s~~ otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction and definitions set forth in this Part 1 shall govern the construction of this chapter.

2.68.040 Officers and deputies powers and duties.

Whenever a power is granted to, or a duty is imposed upon, a public officer, the power may be exercised, or the duty may be performed, by a deputy of the officer or by a person authorized by the officer, pursuant to law or ordinance, ~~by the officer,~~ unless this chapter expressly provides otherwise.

2.68.050 Definitions.

A. "Board" means the ~~b~~Board of ~~s~~Supervisors of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles;

B. "California Emergency Services Act" means Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, now comprising ~~S~~sections 8550 to 8668, inclusive, and as amended;

C. "Chair" means the ~~c~~Chair of the ~~b~~Board of ~~s~~Supervisors of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles;

D. "Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer" means the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles or his or her designee;

E. "Sheriff" means the ~~s~~Sheriff of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles;

F. "Forester and ~~f~~Fire ~~w~~Warden and/or ~~f~~Fire ~~c~~Chief" means the ~~f~~Forester and ~~f~~Fire ~~w~~Warden of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles and the ~~f~~Fire ~~c~~Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles;

G. "Director of the Office of Emergency Management" means the Director of the County of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management;

~~G~~H. "County" means the ~~c~~County of Los Angeles;

~~H~~I. "County ~~d~~District" or ~~variance~~variant thereof includes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Consolidated Fire Protection District within Los Angeles County, every county waterworks district within Los Angeles County, and every other type of district within Los Angeles County ~~the~~whose governing body ~~of which~~ is the ~~b~~Board;

~~I~~J. "Emergency" includes a "local emergency," "state of emergency," and a "state of war emergency" as defined in the California Emergency Services Act;

K. "Emergency Operations Center" means the County Emergency Operations Center, which also serves as the operational area Emergency Operations Center;

~~J~~L. "Operational area" means the Los Angeles County operational area, which is an intermediate level of the State Emergency Services Organization, consisting of the ~~c~~County and all political subdivisions within the ~~c~~County;

~~K~~M. "Person" includes every person, firm and corporation;

~~L~~N. "Section" means a section of this chapter unless some other ordinance or statute is specifically mentioned;

~~M~~O. "Shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive;

~~N~~P. "State" or ~~variance~~variant thereof means the ~~s~~State of California~~.~~; and

Q. "Unified Coordination Group" means a variable group of senior County leaders who will be assembled and led by the Chief Executive Officer during a full activation, and potentially during a partial activation, of the Emergency Operations Center. The composition of the Unified Coordination Group will be determined, on a case-by-case basis, by the Chief Executive Officer depending on the particulars of the given emergency.

Part 2 ORGANIZATIONS

2.68.060 County emergency organization.

A. The ~~c~~County emergency organization shall be comprised of all officers and employees of the ~~c~~County, volunteer forces registered to aid the ~~c~~County during a duly proclaimed emergency, and all groups, organizations and persons who may, by agreement or operation of law (including persons impressed into service under the provisions of Section 2.68.~~220~~270(~~C~~G) of this chapter), be charged with duties incident to the protection of life and property in ~~Los Angeles~~ the County during such emergency. The ~~c~~County emergency organization includes ~~the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Los Angeles County Medical Association, Healthcare Association of Southern California, National Defense Transportation Association, Associated General Contractors of California, Engineering Contractors Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Civil Air Patrol, and~~ such ~~other~~ organizations and groups as may offer their services to, and have their services accepted by, the County, prior to, during or after an emergency.

~~B. Under the direction of the emergency management council, the county emergency organization shall be exercised in whole or in part, at least annually.~~

2.68.070 Los Angeles County operational area.

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Emergency Services Act, ~~Government Code section 8550 et seq.~~ and the ~~s~~State's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the ~~Los Angeles County operational area is defined as an intermediate level of the state emergency services organization consisting of the~~

~~county and all political subdivisions within the county area. The c~~County ~~of Los Angeles~~ is the lead agency for the operational area, and the ~~b~~Board ~~of supervisors~~ is its governing body.

The operational area ~~e~~Emergency ~~o~~Operations ~~c~~Center ~~shall~~may be activated and SEMS used ~~when any of the following conditions exist:~~in accordance with SEMS regulations.

~~A. A local government within the operational area has activated its emergency operations center (EO) and requested activation of the operational area EOC to support its emergency operations;~~

~~B. Two or more cities within the operational are have proclaimed a local emergency;~~

~~C. The county and one or more cities have proclaimed a local emergency;~~

~~D. A city, a city and the county, or the county has requested the governor's proclamation of a state of emergency;~~

~~E. A state of emergency is proclaimed by the governor for the county two or more cities within the operational area;~~

~~F. The operational area is requesting resources from outside its boundaries, except for those resources used in normal day to day operations and obtained through existing agreements;~~

~~G. The operational area has received resource requests from outside its boundaries, except those resources used in normal day to day operations and obtained through existing agreements.~~

Part 3 BOARD POWERS

2.68.080 Powers.

The ~~b~~Board specifically reserves the power to initiate, coordinate and direct, except as otherwise provided, all activities made necessary by war or as the result of an emergency ~~which~~that directly affects the ~~c~~County government and requires organized community action within ~~Los Angeles~~the County. ~~The initiation, coordination and direction provided for in this section~~ Such power may be ~~expressed~~exercised by the ~~c~~Chair.

2.68.090 Delegation of powers.

The ~~b~~Board hereby specifically reserves the power to delegate any of its powers, functions or duties to the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer or to any other officer created by authority of this chapter, or to any other ~~c~~County officer, and to revise and change powers, functions and duties so delegated.

2.68.100 Chair designated as operational area coordinator.

The ~~c~~Chair is hereby designated the operational area coordinator, with responsibility for activating the operational area to coordinate interjurisdictional emergency operations during a "state-of-war emergency", state of emergency, and local emergency, ~~and,~~in accordance with SEMS~~, natural and manmade emergencies~~. In the absence of the ~~c~~Chair, in the following priority order, the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer or the ~~s~~Sheriff may activate the operational area.

2.68.110 Local emergency—Authority to proclaim—Ratification.

The ~~b~~Board, or if the ~~b~~Board is not in session, in the following priority order, the ~~c~~Chair, the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer, or the ~~s~~Sheriff may proclaim a local emergency. Pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, ~~W~~whenever a local emergency is proclaimed by an authorized ~~c~~County officer, the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the ~~b~~Board~~of supervisors shall take action to ratify the proclamation within seven days thereafter or the proclamation shall have no further force or effect~~.

2.68.120 Local emergency—Termination.

Pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, the ~~b~~Board shall review at least every ~~14~~60 days the need to continue the local emergency until such local emergency is terminated and shall proclaim the termination of such local emergency at the earliest practicable date that conditions warrant.

2.68.130 State of emergency~~—Who may~~Authority to request—~~Conditions~~.

The ~~b~~Board, or if the ~~b~~Board is not in session, in the following priority order, the ~~c~~Chair, the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer, or the ~~s~~Sheriff, may request the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency, as specified in the California Emergency Services Act. ~~where there are conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of life and property within the operational area and by reason of their magnitude, are likely to be beyond the control of the operational area, and require the forces of a mutual aid region or regions to combat. Conditions of disaster include, but are not limited to, air~~

~~pollution, hazardous materials releases, fire, flood, extreme weather, riot, earthquake, acts of terrorism or other emergency conditions other than those resulting from a labor controversy or conditions causing a "state-of-war emergency."~~

2.68.140 Mobilization of ~~c~~County emergency organization.

The ~~b~~Board, or if the ~~b~~Board is not in session, in the following priority order, the ~~c~~Chair, the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer, or the ~~s~~Sheriff, following a duly proclaimed local emergency or ~~a proclaimed~~ state of emergency, shall have responsibility for requiring the partial or total mobilization of the ~~c~~County emergency organization, if deemed necessary to afford prompt protection and relief to stricken areas.

2.68.150 Authority for emergency orders and regulations.

~~The board, t~~To provide prompt response to emergency situations following the proclamation of a local emergency as authorized in this chapter, the proclamation of a state of emergency, or the existence of a state-of-war emergency, the Board specifically delegates, in the following priority order, to the ~~c~~Chair, the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer, or the ~~s~~Sheriff, authority to promulgate orders and regulations to provide for the protection of life and property, including but not limited to orders and regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries, where necessary to preserve the public order and safety. ~~Such orders and regulations should, when circumstances permit, be jointly concurred in, but may be independently promulgated when the situation makes concurrence impractical.~~All such orders and

regulations to be effective must be in writing and signed by the promulgating official, and must be ~~confirmed~~ratified at the next regular meeting of the ~~b~~Board.

2.68.160 Authority for alerts, warnings, and emergency notifications to the public.

The Chief Executive Officer, the Sheriff, the Fire Chief, and the County Director of Public Health are each authorized to issue, disseminate, and coordinate alerts, warnings, and emergency notifications to the public. With respect to such alerts, warnings, and emergency notifications, the Office of Emergency Management is authorized to coordinate consistency of messaging.

Part 4 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

2.68.~~160~~170 Created—Membership.

The County of Los Angeles Emergency Management Council is created and will consist of the following:

A. The Chief Executive Officer, who shall be chair of the Emergency Management Council;

B. The Sheriff, who shall be vice-chair of the Emergency Management Council;

C. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors, or designee;

~~C~~D. The Fire Chief;

~~D~~E. The Director, Department of Public Works;

~~E~~F. The Director, Department of Health Services;

~~F~~G. The Director, Internal Services Department;

~~G~~H. The Director, Department of Public Social Services;

~~H~~I. The Chief Medical Examiner-~~Coroner~~, Department of the ~~Coroner~~Medical Examiner;

~~I~~J. The Director, Department of Mental Health;

~~J~~K. The Director, Department of Animal Care and Control;

L. The Director, Department of Regional Planning;

M. The Director, Department of Public Health;

N. The County Superintendent of Schools, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~K~~O. The County Counsel, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~L~~P. The Chief Probation Officer, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~M~~Q. The Director, Department of Children and Family Services, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~N~~R. The ~~Administrator~~Director, ~~Chief Executive Office/~~Office of Emergency Management, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~O~~S. The Director, ~~Chief Executive Office/Office of Public Affairs~~Countywide Communications, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~P~~T. The Director, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

U. The Director, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

V. The Agricultural Commissioner, Department of Weights and Measures, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

W. The Director, Department of Beaches and Harbors, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

X. The Director, Department of Human Resources, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

Y. The Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

Z. The Treasurer and Tax Collector, Department of Treasurer and Tax Collector, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

AA. The Executive Director, Los Angeles County Development Authority, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

~~Q~~BB. One member to be nominated by the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross ~~and appointed by the Board~~, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

CC. One member representing an incorporated city in the County, who shall be an ex officio member and without vote;

DD. One member to be nominated by the Emergency Network Los Angeles (ENLA) who shall be an ex officio member and without vote; and

~~R~~EE. Such other ex officio nonvoting members appointed by the chair of the ~~Council~~Emergency Management Council, as appropriate.

2.68.~~170~~180 Powers and duties.

A. Powers and Duties—Emergency Management Council.

~~It shall be the duty of t~~The ~~c~~County ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council ~~to~~is responsible for overseeing the emergency preparedness activities of the various ~~c~~County departments and coordinating such activities for the operational area ~~ensuring~~ to enhance unity of purpose. This includes ~~preparation and approval~~approving ~~of~~specified emergency management plans, facilitating training of ~~c~~County employees for emergency and disaster-related functions, and organizing related emergency preparedness activities.

~~When requested, the council shall assist the board of supervisors when the county emergency organization is mobilized. The council may appoint committees as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities.~~

B. Powers and Duties—Chair of the Emergency Management Council.

The chair of the ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council or designee shall:

1. Coordinate the activities of the ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council;

2. Establish and maintain liaison with ~~c~~County departments and districts not directly represented on the ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council regarding emergency preparedness activities;

3. Coordinate and provide for dissemination of public information relating to emergency preparedness activities, as may be required; and

4. Review and recommend to the ~~b~~Board adoption of ~~county emergency and mutual aid plans and agreements~~the Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Plan.

C. Powers and Duties—Emergency Management Council Member Department Heads.

Member ~~D~~department heads shall:

1. Formulate and maintain department emergency plans for departmental operations during emergency conditions, including a written plan for activation of the department~~ as part of, and which carries out its role in the county emergency organization~~;

2. Ensure that ~~these~~their department emergency plans are consistent with ~~supportive of and work in harmony with those of other county departments, and conform to~~the Los Angeles County Operational Area ~~Response~~Emergency Plan; and

3. Ensure that their department personnel are trained in emergency management/operations and that their designated department personnel participate in regular refresher training and emergency exercises~~, as directed by the emergency management council~~.

~~D. Emergency Management Steering Committee. The emergency management steering committee is created as a standing emergency management council subcommittee. The committee's membership will include the assistant director of the office of emergency management, who shall be chair, and the chief deputy of each~~

~~voting member of the emergency management council or the voting members' executive-level designee.~~

~~The emergency management steering committee will provide operational direction for implementation of the programs and policies established by the emergency management council. The committee will either meet quarterly, or at the direction of the emergency management council or upon call of the committee chair.~~

2.68.~~180~~190 Meetings.

The ~~c~~County ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council shall meet upon call of the chair of the Emergency Management Council, or in his or her absence or inability to call such meeting, upon call of the vice-chair ~~at least three times each calendar year~~.

Part 5 ~~DIRECTOR OF~~EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2.68.~~190~~200 ~~Sheriff to act as director—Jurisdiction~~Chief Executive Officer.

The ~~sheriff of the county of Los Angeles~~Chief Executive Officer is ~~hereby designated director of emergency operations with responsibility~~responsible for coordinating the County's activities and operations relating to emergency and disaster preparedness, response, and recovery ~~operations following whole or partial activation of the Los Angeles County operational area~~.

~~Prior to the existence of an actual emergency or activation of the operational area, he shall have the authority to request the assistance of county departments and personnel, as necessary, in the intelligence-gathering and planning processes in preparation for the emergency and/or the activation of the county EOC.~~

2.68.~~200~~210 Powers and duties.

~~Following activation of the Los Angeles County operational area, the director of emergency operations~~The Chief Executive Officer shall have the following duties:

A. To maintain, manage, activate, and operate the ~~c~~County ~~e~~Emergency ~~o~~Operations ~~c~~Center ~~to serve the operational area and upon activation of the operational area and in all instances~~at all times, ~~of~~including during an emergency~~, as defined herein, to collect and disseminate emergency information to concerned jurisdictions and agencies~~;

B. To assemble and lead a Unified Coordination Group during a full activation of the Emergency Operations Center and, at the Chief Executive Officer's election, during a partial activation of the Emergency Operations Center;

~~B~~C. To coordinate the utilization of ~~c~~County, other local government, ~~s~~State and federal resources within the operational area;

~~C~~D. To coordinate operations conducted by the local governments in the Los Angeles County operational area in accordance with approved mutual aid and operations plans;

~~D~~E. To collect and disseminate ~~emergency~~ information and instructions to other jurisdictions, agencies, and the public;

~~E~~F. ~~To request the chief administrative officer, pursuant to Section 2.68.220(B) of this chapter, to requisition personnel or property as necessary for the conduct of emergency operations~~To establish and maintain a recovery coordination center, as warranted, to: (1) coordinate the recovery operations of County departments; and

(2) coordinate with State and federal agencies, impacted cities, and other agencies that are part of the County emergency organization; and

~~F. To select and designate at his discretion members of an operations advisory council to advise and assist him in the performance of his duties as director of emergency operations. The composition of such an advisory council shall be determined on the basis of the situation prevailing at the time;~~

G. To respect insofar as possible, in carrying out the above duties, the integrity of local government entities and the unity of their service forces.

~~Part 6 - DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY OPERATIONS~~

2.68.~~203~~220 ~~Chief administrative officer to act as director—County government~~Sheriff.

The ~~chief administrative officer of the county of Los Angeles~~Sheriff is ~~hereby designated director of recovery operations with responsibility~~responsible for ~~overseeing county government's recovery following a "state-of-war emergency" and natural or manmade disasters~~operational command and control, direction, and deployment of public safety resources relating to law enforcement.

2.68.~~204~~230 Powers and duties.

~~Once life/safety operations have terminated and emergency conditions have stabilized, emergency operations will transition to recovery operations. At that time, the director of recovery will~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the Sheriff shall have the following duties:

A. ~~If the scope of disaster warrants, establish and maintain a recovery coordination center (RCC) to: 1) coordinate initial recovery operations of county departments; and 2) provide information, liaison and recovery coordination with and between state and federal agencies and the impacted cities and other agencies that are part of Los Angeles County's Emergency Organization;~~To exercise operational command and control, direction, and deployment of public safety resources relating to law enforcement, including during full or partial activation of the Emergency Operations Center;

B. ~~Recommend to the board of supervisors and, as directed, implement county government recovery priorities;~~To coordinate law enforcement mutual aid for the County.

~~C. Based on the nature and scope of the disaster, direct safety assessments of the county's buildings in accordance with established priorities;~~

~~D. Coordinate the use of county, other local governments, state and federal resources in order to foster and expedite recovery throughout the operational area, when appropriate;~~

~~E. Disseminate recovery information and instructions to the public, when appropriate;~~

~~F. Coordinate the county's disaster claims process;~~

~~G. Select and designate, at his discretion, members of a recovery advisory council to advise and assist him in the performance of his duties as director of recovery~~

~~operations. The composition of such an advisory council shall be determined on the basis of the situation prevailing at the time.~~

2.68.240 Fire Chief.

The Fire Chief is responsible for operational command and control, direction, and deployment of public safety resources relating to fire and rescue services.

2.68.250 Powers and duties.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the Fire Chief shall have the following duties:

A. To exercise operational command and control, direction, and deployment of public safety resources relating to fire and rescue services, including during full or partial activation of the Emergency Operations Center; and

B. To coordinate fire and rescue services mutual aid for the County.

~~**Part 7 - OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**~~

2.68.~~210~~260 ~~Created—Officers and staff~~Office of Emergency Management.

A. ~~There is created t~~The ~~c~~County ~~of Los Angeles~~ ~~o~~Office of ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management is created within the County Chief Executive Office. ~~The chief administrative officer shall be the director of the county office of emergency management.~~

B. ~~There is created the position of assistant director of the county office of emergency management, who shall be appointed by the director~~The Chief Executive Officer shall appoint the Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

~~C. The county office of emergency management shall have such staffing as determined by the director.~~

2.68.~~220~~270 ~~Director—~~Powers and duties.

~~A. Subject to the provisions of Parts 3 and 4 of this chapter, t~~The ~~d~~Director of the ~~c~~County ~~o~~Office of ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management shall have the following duties:

A. To ~~complete authority for organizing~~organize~~, directing,~~ and ~~coordinating~~coordinate the emergency organization of the ~~c~~County, including coordinating: (1) training, ~~directing~~ (2) the development and review of the Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Plan and ~~approval of all multi-departmental emergency response plans, review and approval of all b~~Board-ordered departmental emergency ~~response~~ plans, and ~~all~~(3) County emergency preparedness activities~~, consistent with the exercise by the sheriff of the latter's duties and powers in all matters relating to preservation of life and property within the county, and consistent with his authority as director of emergency operations.~~;

B. ~~The assistant director, acting by and for the director of the office of emergency management, shall:~~

~~1. Supervise the day-to-day responsibilities associated with organizing, directing, and coordinating the emergency organization of the county;~~

~~2.~~ To ~~E~~establish and maintain liaison with city governments within Los Angeles County~~,~~ and other governmental and quasi-governmental agencies and volunteer organizations relating to emergency preparedness;

~~3~~C. To ~~D~~develop appropriate plans, standard operating procedures, and planning guidance in collaboration with ~~the sheriff's department and~~ other ~~impacted~~ County departments;

~~4~~D. To ~~P~~prepare and process ~~emergency operations~~ program papers and applications for federal and ~~s~~State funds;

~~5. Maintain the Emergency Management Information System (EMIS) established in the county EOC, consistent with the informational needs of the sheriff in his role as the director of emergency operations; and~~

~~6~~E. To ~~C~~coordinate: (1) initial disaster recovery services to the public, including the administration of local/federal/State financial aid programs, which may ~~including~~include one-stop disaster ~~application~~assistance centers~~, to administer local/federal/state financial aid programs~~; (2) applicants' briefing for ~~s~~State and federal grant programs; and (3) provision of ~~c~~County services to expedite recovery~~.~~;

~~C. In the event of an emergency as defined in Part 1 of this chapter, the director or, in the director's absence, the highest ranking member of the director's staff available, is hereby empowered to:~~

~~1~~F. To ~~O~~obtain (for operational and administrative purposes) vital supplies, equipment, and such other properties found lacking and needed for the protection of life and property, and to bind the ~~c~~County for the fair value thereof and, if required immediately, to commandeer the same for public use;

~~2~~G. To ~~R~~require emergency services of any ~~c~~County officer or employee, and to command the aid of as many citizens of the ~~c~~County as ~~he~~the Director of the Office of

Emergency Management deems necessary ~~in the execution of his duties~~; and in such event, ~~such~~said persons shall be entitled to all privileges, benefits, and immunities as are provided by ~~s~~State law, including, as applicable, those that apply to ~~when~~ registered ~~as~~ disaster service workers;

H. To coordinate emergency management mutual aid for the County;

I. To enter into no-cost emergency management agreements;

~~3~~J. To ~~At his discretion, delegate any or all of these authorities and responsibilities to the sheriff.~~

~~2.68.230 - Assistant director—Powers and duties.~~

~~The assistant director, county office of emergency management, shall, under the supervision of the director, be in administrative charge of the county office of emergency management and~~ provide staff support to the ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council, as necessary; and ~~He shall have such other powers and duties as may be assigned or delegated by the director.~~

K. To perform such other emergency-related actions as may be assigned or delegated by the Chief Executive Officer.

Part ~~8~~6 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

2.68.~~240~~280 Operational area ~~E~~emergency ~~operations~~ plan—Department and employee responsibilities.

County departments, commissions, agencies, boards, districts, officers, and employees shall have emergency duties, responsibilities, and assignments for war and nonwar emergencies as prescribed in the Los Angeles Operational Area Emergency

~~Response~~ Plan~~, which will have the effect of law during a declared emergency as provided for in this chapter~~.

2.68.~~245~~285 Delegation and succession.

Wherever in this chapter, or by other law, duties or authority for emergency management are designated to the ~~c~~Chief ~~administrative~~Executive ~~o~~Officer or the ~~s~~Sheriff, both shall designate a chain of succession in the event either officer is not available to immediately act in an emergency and shall file such designation with the executive officer-clerk of the ~~b~~Board. If an emergency occurs in the absence of the principal, the first-level individual on such lists that can be contacted and is able to act shall have the full responsibility and authority to act for the principal officer until relieved by the principal or a person with higher priority on such list.

2.68.~~250~~290 Volunteers.

Volunteers who perform service in the ~~c~~County emergency organization or for the operational area in accordance with provisions of this chapter shall so serve without compensation. Volunteers performing duties on behalf of the ~~c~~County~~ of Los Angeles~~ shall be registered with the ~~e~~Emergency ~~m~~Management ~~c~~Council as "disaster service workers" in order to be eligible for worker's compensation benefits, as provided for starting with section 3201 of Part 1 of Division 4 of the State Labor Code.

2.68.~~260~~295 Training.

The head of each ~~c~~County department and County ~~d~~District shall ensure that the appropriate level of SEMS training is conducted:

1. For managerial personnel ~~as relates~~relative to the emergency operations responsibilities of the respective ~~c~~County department and the ~~c~~County emergency organization;

2. For ~~EOC~~Emergency Operations Center team members, initially upon such assignment and, thereafter as (refresher training), at least annually and as required to maintain essential skills; and

3. For all "field" responders.

Training may be accomplished within the respective department, collectively with other ~~c~~County departments, or by attendance at appropriate training institutions.

2.68.~~270~~300 Services, supplies, and equipment for special districts.

As consideration for the furnishing of emergency services by any Los Angeles County ~~special~~ ~~d~~District, as provided in ~~c~~County and operational area emergency plans, when the emergency period or potential emergency does not arise from conditions the response to which is the responsibility of the ~~special~~County ~~d~~District, the services, supplies, and equipment of every department, agency, board, commission, officer, and employee of the ~~c~~County, and of every other ~~c~~County ~~d~~District, shall be available to said ~~c~~County ~~d~~District during an emergency or threatened emergency arising from conditions within the purview of said ~~c~~County ~~d~~District.

2.68.~~280~~310 Expenditures.

Any expenditures made in connection with emergency activities, including mutual aid activities, shall be deemed conclusively to be for the direct protection and benefit of the inhabitants of and property in the ~~c~~County~~ of Los Angeles~~.

2.68.~~290~~320 Unlawful acts designated—Penalty for violations.

It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not to exceed $1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both, for any person, during an emergency, to:

A. Willfully obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the ~~c~~County emergency organization in the enforcement of any lawful rule or regulation issued pursuant to this chapter, or in the performance of any responsibility or duty authorized or imposed ~~upon him~~ by virtue of this chapter;

B. Do any act forbidden by any lawful rule or regulation issued pursuant to this chapter, if such act is of such a nature as to give or be likely to give assistance to the enemy or to imperil the lives or property of inhabitants of the ~~c~~County, or to prevent, hinder, or delay the defense or protection thereof; and

C. Wear, carry, or display, without authority, any means of identification specified by the emergency agency of the ~~s~~State, the ~~c~~County, a ~~c~~County ~~d~~District, or any city in the ~~c~~County ~~of Los Angeles~~.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, it shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both, for any person to violate any curfew or other emergency order or regulation established by any lawful rule, regulation, order, or directive issued pursuant to this chapter. It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of a curfew order that, at the time of such violation, a person was: (1) traveling to or from work or school, (2) ~~was~~

~~homeless~~experiencing homelessness and without access to a viable shelter, or ~~was~~ (3) seeking medical treatment.

SECTION 2. Urgency Findings.

This urgency ordinance is adopted pursuant to California Government Code section 25123(d) and shall take effect immediately upon its approval by at least a four-fifths vote of the Board of Supervisors ("Board"). The Board finds that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety based on the following facts:

1. On March 4, 2020, the Chair of the Board proclaimed the existence of a local emergency (Proclamation of Local Emergency) based on conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising as a result of the introduction of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") in Los Angeles County. On March 4, 2020, the Board ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency.

2. On March 4, 2020, the County of Los Angeles Health Officer declared a local health emergency (Declaration of Local Health Emergency) based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County. On March 4, 2020, the Board ratified the Declaration of Local Health Emergency.

3. On March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.

4. Since March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California and the County of Los Angeles Health Officer have issued and continue to issue a number of

emergency orders to address the increasing and imminent threat to public health and safety as a result of COVID-19.

5. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant, and the President therefore issued, a nationwide Emergency Declaration.

6. In the time of this unprecedented emergency, there is an urgent need to take all action to efficiently and effectively address the threat of COVID-19. The County's emergency ordinance found in Chapter 2.68 of the County Code establishes the fundamental framework for the County's emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities. This urgency ordinance amends the County's emergency ordinance to provide necessary enhancements and clarifications to address the County's emergency activities and operations. It is essential that the amendments made by this urgency ordinance are immediately implemented so that the County can take all advantage of these enhancements and clarifications as the County proceeds with necessary action to address the threat of COVID-19.

SECTION 3. Environmental Determination.

The Board finds that the adoption and implementation of this urgency ordinance are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Section 15061(b)(3) in that the Board finds there is no possibility that the implementation of this ordinance may have significant effects on the environment.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this urgency ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this urgency ordinance. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this urgency ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 5. Immediate Effect.

This urgency ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage by a four-fifths (4/5) or greater vote.

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SECTION 6 This ordinance shall be published in The Daily Commerce a newspaper printed and published in the County of Los Angeles.

Kathryn Barger
Chair

ATTEST:

Celia Zavala
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that at its meeting of March 31, 2020 the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of said County of Los Angeles by the following vote, to wit:

	Ayes		Noes
Supervisors	Hilda Solis	Supervisors	None
	Mark Ridley-Thomas		
	Sheila Kuehl		
	Janice Hahn		
	Kathryn Barger		

Effective Date: March 31, 2020

~~Operative Date:~~

Celia Zavala
Executive Officer -
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 25103 of the Government Code, delivery of this document has been made.

CELIA ZAVALA
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

By Lester J. Tolnai
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Chief Deputy County Counsel

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