



# Emergency Declaration Process

# Purpose of Disaster Declaration

- ▶ Provide a procedure to minimize injury to persons, property, and the environment
- ▶ Preserve the established civil authority in the event that a state of emergency exists
- ▶ Intended to grant as broad a power as permitted by statutory and constitutional authority.

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- ▶ The City Council has the legal authority under Resolution 1959 “Wilsonville State of Emergency Resolution” to declare that a local emergency exists.
- ▶ Who can make the Declaration
  - ▶ City Council
- ▶ If Council is unable to take timely action, follow the chain of succession and obtain Council approval at first opportunity

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## Chain of Succession for Declaring an Emergency (Res 1959)

- ▶ Mayor
- ▶ Council President
- ▶ City Manager
- ▶ Acting City Manager designated by Council
- ▶ Assistant City Manager
- ▶ Emergency Management Coordinator (PW Director)

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- ▶ Declaration shall state in writing:
  - ▶ Nature of the emergency
  - ▶ Geographic boundaries affected
  - ▶ Any special regulation or powers imposed
- ▶ If County, State, or Federal assistance is needed, it must also declare that **all appropriate and available local resources have been or are expected to be expended** and contain a request to the Governor for the type of assistance required.

# Emergency Powers

City may implement the following measures as reasonably required to protect public health, safety and welfare:

- ▶ Redirect funds for emergency use
- ▶ Suspend standard procurement procedures
- ▶ Implementing Mutual Aid Agreements
- ▶ Turning off gas, water or electricity
- ▶ Restrict, regulate, or prohibit vehicular or pedestrian traffic
- ▶ Enter or pass through private property for the purpose of responding to the emergency
- ▶ Evacuate persons from designated emergency areas
- ▶ Establish a curfew during specified hours in specific locations

# Emergency Powers (continued)

City may implement the following measures as reasonably required to protect public health, safety and welfare:

- ▶ Prohibit or limit the number persons who may gather upon any public street or place w/in designated areas
- ▶ Prohibit possession of weapons or explosives on public streets and public places
- ▶ Prohibit or restrict the sale of gas or other flammable liquids
- ▶ Curtail or suspend commercial activity
- ▶ Prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages
- ▶ Order such measures as are necessary for the protection of life, property, infrastructure, environment or for recovery from the emergency.

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Local Declaration of Emergency (City Council)

County Declaration of Emergency (County Commission via County EOC)

State Declaration of Emergency (Governor's Office)

Federal Disaster Declaration (POTUS)



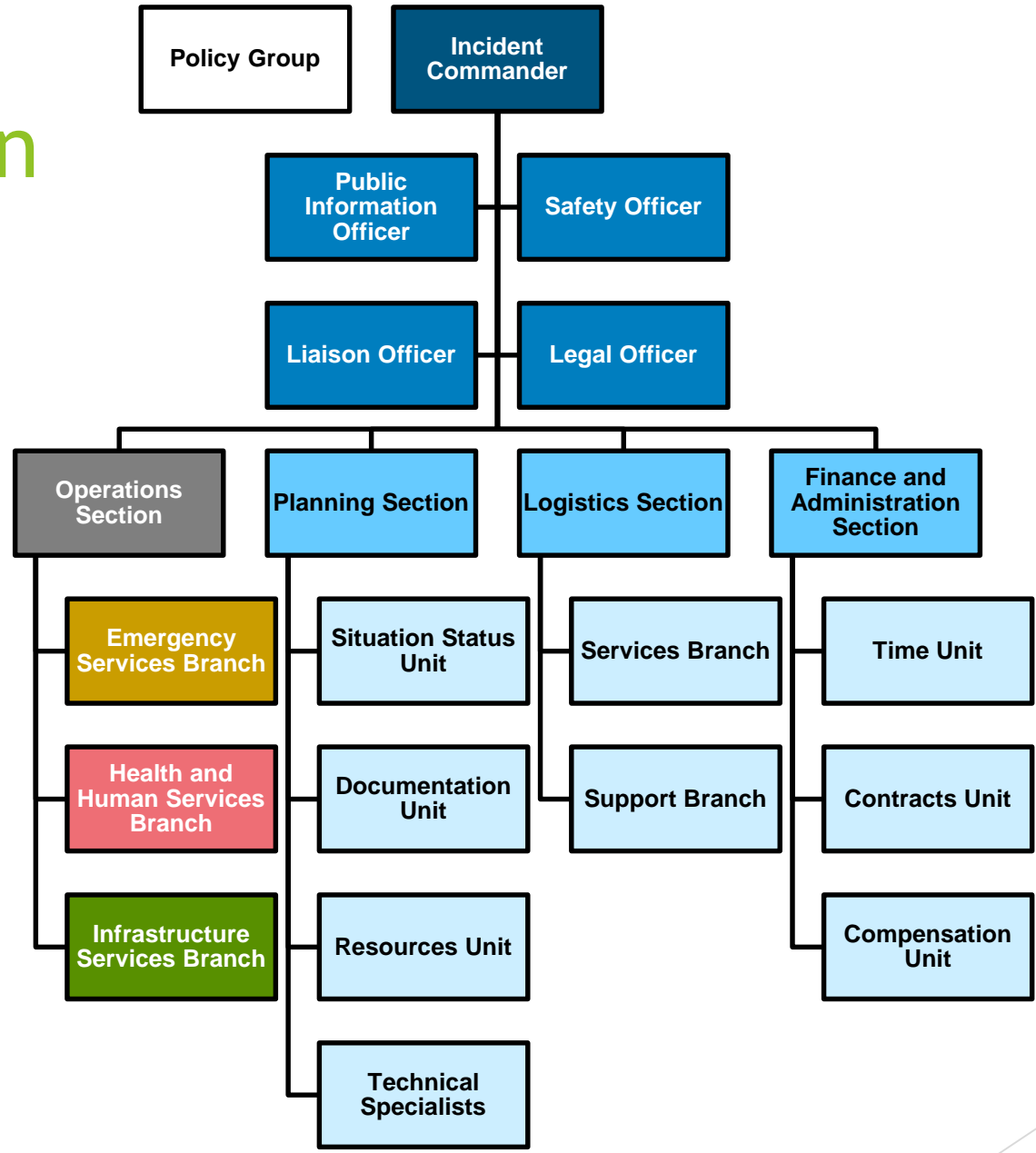
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- ▶ The City may choose to declare a local emergency **even if the need for additional support or resources is not anticipated** to implement provisions of the emergency code.
  - ▶ Enact a curfew
  - ▶ Suspend procurement requirements
  - ▶ Commit to mutual aid agreements
- ▶ The City's request for a declaration must be processed through Clackamas County Emergency Management to OEM.
- ▶ The request for a disaster declaration and assistance does not indicate the surrender of **Command responsibility and authority**.

# Emergency Acquisition of Resources

- ▶ May enter into agreements with other public and private agencies for use of resources.
- ▶ During a declared emergency, authorized to extend government authority to non-governmental resources (e.g. personnel and equipment) that may support regular government forces during an emergency
  - ▶ Volunteers
  - ▶ Commandeering
- ▶ The owner of the property shall be entitled to reasonable compensation.

# EOC Organization



# City Council - Roles and Responsibilities

- ▶ Serve as the Policy Group
- ▶ Establish emergency management authority by city resolution
- ▶ Adopt an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and other emergency management-related resolutions.
- ▶ Declare State of Emergency and provide support to the Incident Commander in requesting assistance through Clackamas County and/or Washington County, as appropriate.
- ▶ Act as liaison to the community during activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- ▶ Act on emergency funding needs.
- ▶ Communicate with community thru Public Information Officer (PIO) briefings.

# EOC Staff - Roles and Responsibilities

- ▶ **Command**
  - ▶ Overall responsibility for the incident. Set objectives.
  - ▶ Present the declaration package to the City Council
- ▶ **Finance / Logistics**
  - ▶ Monitor incident costs. Assist in preliminary damage assessment and coordinate damage survey activities. Compile resource requests.
- ▶ **Operations**
  - ▶ Identify necessary resources and outline special powers needed to respond to the emergency. Assist in initial damage assessment.
- ▶ **Planning**
  - ▶ Provide situation and resource summaries and initial and preliminary damage assessments.

# Time Limit on Emergency Regulations

- ▶ The declaration of emergency shall become effective upon its issuance
- ▶ The declaration should be disseminated to the public by appropriate news media
- ▶ A declaration of emergency shall be terminated by City Council when emergency conditions cease to exist

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Questions?