

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF  
THE TOWNSHIP OF ABERDEEN, SECTION 2-20 “DIVISION OF  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT”**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Aberdeen (the “Township”) maintains Section 2-20 entitled “Division of Emergency Management” of the Township Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council determined it is in the best interests of the Township residents to amend and supplement the Township Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Council of the Township of Aberdeen that:

**Section 1.** The aforementioned recitals are incorporated in their entirety, as if restated herein.

**Section 2.** Section 2-20 of the Township Code, entitled “Division of Emergency Management,” be and is hereby amended and supplemented by deleting the text in ~~bold-strikeout~~ and adding the text in **bold underlined** as follows:

**§ 2-20 Division of Emergency Management.**

~~Editor's Note: Currently the Township is fulfilling this section through an Interlocal Agreement with a neighboring municipality pursuant to the Interlocal Services Act.~~

**§ 2-20.1 Creation.**

Within the Department of Public Safety, there shall be a Division of Emergency Management, referred to as the Office of Emergency Management.

**§ 2-20.2 Director of Emergency Management; Deputy Directors.**

There shall be a Director of Emergency Management who shall be appointed by the Township Manager to serve at his pleasure and **three (3)** a Deputy Directors who shall be appointed by the Director with the approval of the Township Manager. The Director shall serve as Chairman of the Emergency Management Council.

**§ 2-20.3 Duties and Function of Director and Deputy Directors.**

The Director shall be responsible for the planning, activating, coordinating and the conduct of Emergency Management Advisory Council and supervise disaster control operations in the Township.

The Deputy **Directors** shall act in the name of the Director when the Director is unable to discharge his normal duties and shall assume such other responsibilities as may be delegated to ~~him~~ **them** by the Director.

**§2-20.4 Proclamation of Disaster Emergency.**

The Director may, when, in his opinion, a disaster has occurred or is imminent, and with the advice and consent of the Manager and Township Council, proclaim a state of local disaster emergency. Upon such proclamation, the Director, in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the State Office of Emergency Management, shall be empowered to issue and enforce such orders as may be necessary to implement and carry out defense or disaster control operations and to protect the health, safety and resources of the residents of the Township.

#### **§2-20.5 Emergency Management Advisory Council.**

There shall be an Emergency Management Advisory Council of the Township, pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A:9-33 et seq., which shall be comprised of the Director, Deputy Directors and eight (8) additional members who shall be appointed by the Township Manager and serve at the pleasure of the Manager.

One (1) member shall be selected from each of the following:

- a. Aberdeen Township Division of Police.
- b. Fire District I with the advice and consent of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District I.
- c. Fire District II with the advice and consent of the Board of Fire Commissioners of District II.
- d. Aberdeen Township First Aid Squad with the advice and consent of the Squad.
- e. South Aberdeen Township First Aid Squad with the advice and consent of the Squad.
- f. Department of Public Works.
- g. Department of Health.

#### **§2-20.6 Duties of the Emergency Management Advisory Council.**

Under the direction and supervision of the Director of Emergency Management, the Council shall generally assist the Township in establishing the various local volunteer agencies needed to meet the requirements of all emergency management and disaster control activities in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and more specifically:

- a. Develop plans for emergency operations in accordance with directives from and approval of the State Director and/or County Coordinator.
- b. Supervise local tests and exercises.
- c. Coordinate activities of local and County services and allied agencies in an emergency.
- d. Maintain administrative records as may be required.
- e. Investigate and apply for State or Federal grants or other aids and assistance.
- f. Take such action as may be appropriate and lawful to plan, enforce, activate, coordinate and conduct emergency operations within the Township.

#### **§2-20.7 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).**

- a. Established. There is hereby established in the Township a volunteer CERT.
- b. Members. The CERT shall consist of up to fifty (50) members, all of whom shall be under the supervision, and respond to the direction of the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator.

- c. Appointment, Qualifications. Members of the CERT shall be appointed by the Township Council and shall serve terms of one (1) year. CERT members shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall undergo mandatory training in areas such as disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue operations, disaster psychology and team organization, and anti-terrorism. Such training shall be organized by the Township and in accordance with the curriculum established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- d. Continuing Training. CERT members serving multiple terms shall be required to undergo continuing training as required by the Township.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, clause, or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 4. Repeal of Prior Ordinances.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as provided by law.

Introduction: October 17, 2024

Public Hearing/Adoption: November 7, 2024