

Summary Text:

1. Renaming Chapter 12 from “Civil Defense and Disaster” to “Emergency Management”.
2. Defining the operational area in context of the standardized emergency management system.
3. Defining the emergency organization, including the roles and responsibilities of the director of emergency services, the director of emergency management, amending the composition of the Disaster Council, and establishing a Recovery Advisory Council.

Background: The current version of Chapter 12 places the Office of Emergency Management in the County Fire Department, recognized the county administrator (at that time) as the director of emergency services and created a coordinator of emergency services, appointed by the director of emergency services. The ordinance provided lines of succession for the members of the Board of Supervisors, and other offices. The proposed revisions to the ordinance ensure compliance with state law, and define the current structure of today’s emergency organization.

Highlights of the proposed ordinance include;

- Ensuring consistency between the local emergency management ordinance and state law.
- Establishing a Recovery Advisory Council. The Recovery Advisory Council establishes policies and procedures for post emergency or post disaster activities related to public (local government) or individual (private citizen) assistance programs.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None with this action.

Fiscal Analysis:

There is no cost associated with the proposed ordinance amendment

Special Instructions:

- Clerk of the Board shall complete noticing for the ordinance in the Santa Barbara News Press, Lompoc Record and Santa Maria Times 10 days prior to the hearing.
- Please send a copy of the adopted ordinance and a certified copy of the minute order to Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Proposed Ordinance

Attachment B - Proposed Ordinance with Strikeouts

Attachment C - Notice of Exemption

Attachment D – Public Notice

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