

Revision of City Code

8.7.204

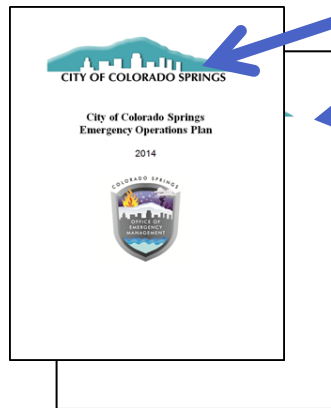
Approval of Emergency Operations Plan

Background

What is an Emergency Operations Plan? (EOP)

- Assigns responsibility to organizations and individuals for carrying out specific actions that exceed routine responsibility at projected times and places during an emergency.
- Sets forth lines of authority and organizational relationships and shows how all actions will be coordinated.
- Describes how people and property are protected.

Composition of EOP



Base Plan

Emergency Support Function Annexes

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) is the grouping of governmental and certain private sector capabilities into an organizational structure to provide support, resources, program implementation, and services that are most likely needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services and critical infrastructure, and help victims and communities return to normal following domestic incidents.

- ESF1 Transportation**
- ESF2 Communications**
- ESF3 Public Works and Engineering**
- ESF4 Firefighting**
- ESF5 Emergency Management**
- ESF6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services**
- ESF7 Resources Support**
- ESF8 Public Health and Medical Services**
- ESF9 Urban Search and Rescue**
- ESF10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response**
- ESF11 Agriculture and Natural Resources**
- ESF12 Energy**
- ESF13 Public Safety and Security**
- ESF14 Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation**
- ESF15 External Affairs**

Background

- Colorado Springs has an EOP that has been developed in accordance with the requirements for local emergency planning established under the State of Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992.
- The current EOP was reviewed by the nationally recognized Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).
- It is aligned with the National Response Framework (NRF) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) Guidelines.
- It meets state and federal guidelines for local emergency management plans and programs.

Background

- Although all executive and administrative duties are vested in the Mayor, the current City Code requires the City Council approve the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- Currently the adoption of the EOP would require a City Council resolution.

Background

- Article III of the City Charter contains no reference to City Council's legislative powers regarding the EOP or the Office of Emergency Management. (OEM)
- City Council does have authority to draft and pass emergency ordinances to meet public emergency affecting life, health, property or peace.
- The adoption of EOP is accomplished before any declaration of a City emergency and does not detract from any of the City Council's authority.

Background

- City Code 8.7.203 defines the duties of the OEM.

“Subject to the direction of the Mayor” OEM “develops and maintains the Colorado Springs EOP” and “administers and approves City Emergency Management Plans.”

Note: In addition to the EOP, OEM manages over 80 emergency plans and annexes.



Recommendation

- Revise City Code to read as follows:

The OEM shall be responsible for the review, development and recommendation for adoption by ~~City Council~~ **the Mayor** of the Colorado Springs emergency operations plan. The emergency operations plan shall, in accord with the Federal guidelines provide for the effective mobilization of resources of the City, both public and private, to meet conditions constituting a local emergency, state of emergency, or state of war emergency; and shall provide for the organization, powers, duties, services and response staffing. The Colorado Springs emergency operations plan shall take effect upon ~~adoption by resolution of the City Council~~ **Mayor's signed approval. The Director of OEM shall provide City Council a copy of the approved emergency operations plan. When changes to the emergency operations plan are made by the Director of OEM and approved by the Mayor, the Director of OEM shall provide City Council a revised copy of the emergency operations plan within 60 days. The revised copy of the emergency operations plan provided to City Council shall highlight any changes made to the emergency operations plan.**

Summary

- The revision of the City Code's EOP adoption procedures meets the intent of the Mayor approving administrative functions.
- It is consistent with the EOP approval processes in comparable cities.
- It does not detract from the City Council's authority to draft emergency ordinances in time of emergencies.

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