

ORDINANCE NO. 22-_____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102 (DEFINITIONS) AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 108 (EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES) OF PART 1 (PURPOSE AND POWERS; CONTINUITY) AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 206 (EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN) OF PART 2 (OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) OF ARTICLE 7 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT) OF CHAPTER 8 (PUBLIC SAFETY) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2001, AS AMENDED, PERTAINING TO EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. Section 102 (Definitions) of Part 1 (Purpose and Powers; Continuity) of Article 7 (Emergency Management) of Chapter 8 (Public Safety) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

8.7.102: DEFINITIONS:

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ALL-HAZARDS EVACUATION PLAN (AHEP): A written plan, as amended from time to time, that provides planning and program guidance for implementing all-hazard evacuations and conducting the City's essential missions and functions under all threats and conditions.

EVACUATION: Organized, phased, and supervised withdrawal, dispersal, or removal of civilians from dangerous or potentially dangerous areas, and their reception and care in safe areas.

INCIDENT COMMAND: The Incident Commander (either single or unified command structure) who is responsible for overall management of the incident and any assigned supporting staff.

INCIDENT COMMANDER (IC): The individual responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and release of resources. The IC has overall authority and responsibility for conducting

incident operations and is responsible for the management of all incident operations at the incident site.

NIMS: The National Incident Management System or a successor program intended to set forth a comprehensive, national approach to incident management.

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Section 2. A new Section 108 (Emergency Evacuation Procedures) of Part 1 (Purpose and Powers; Continuity) of Article 7 (Emergency Management) of Chapter 8 (Public Safety) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is created to read as follows:

8.7.108: EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES:

A. The City's evacuation procedures shall be documented in the City's All-Hazards Evacuation Plan.

B. In an emergency evacuation, the Police Department shall be responsible for evacuating civilian populations from a hazardous area, determining the level of closure, and staffing traffic control points.

C. During an emergency evacuation, either the Police Department or the Fire Department shall establish an incident command and designate an incident commander pursuant to NIMS protocols.

D. The incident commander shall conduct emergency evacuation procedures according to Incident Command System principles, NIMS principles, and through City emergency operations plans and City department standard operating procedures.

Section 3. A new Section 206 (Emergency Evacuation Plan) of Part 2 (Office of Emergency Management) of Article 7 (Emergency Management) of Chapter 8 (Public Safety) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, is created to read as follows:

8.7.206 EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN:

A. The OEM shall be responsible, in conjunction with operations input from the Police Department and Fire Department, with the review, development, and adoption of the AHEP. The AHEP shall be evaluated, maintained, and revised pursuant to standard operating guidelines adopted by the Police and Fire Departments. The AHEP shall be reviewed annually by the OEM, the Police Department and Fire Department and undergo full review by the City Engineer, the Public Works Director, the Traffic Engineer, the Director of Planning and Community Development, and Colorado Springs Utilities every five (5) years. During review and development of the AHEP, the City may obtain and utilize such tools and resources as are deemed necessary or desirable, including but not limited to consultants and software modelling programs.

B. The Fire Department shall review and update the City's Community Wildfire Protection Plan every five (5) years.

C. The AHEP shall include evacuation operations, re-entry, and evacuation zones pre-determined by the Police and Fire Departments.

D. The AHEP shall divide the City into evacuation zones. The evacuation zones shall be developed by taking into consideration, natural topography, existing neighborhoods, and major roads.

E. The Fire Marshal shall conduct a public information campaign to inform residents of the importance of evacuation planning and of the existence of evacuation zones.

F. The Fire Department shall notify the public of the existing boundaries of the evacuation zones and any changes to the evacuation zones.

G. The Fire Department shall acquire and maintain software to assist with real time emergency management and evacuation preparedness. To the extent practicable, the software should provide a publicly available interface that informs the public of the location of evacuation zones and the current evacuation status of each zone.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 5. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____
day of _____, 2022.

Finally passed: _____

Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk