

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO CIVIL EMERGENCIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM, ILLINOIS.

Section 1. Definitions.

- A. A civil emergency is hereby defined to be:
1. A riot or unlawful assembly characterized by the use of actual force or violence or any threat to use force if accompanied by immediate power to execute such force by two (2) or more persons acting together without authority of law.
  2. Any natural disaster or man-made calamity including, but not limited to flood, conflagration, cyclone, tornado, earthquake or explosion or insurrection within the corporate limits of the Village resulting in the death or injury of persons or the destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
- B. Curfew is hereby defined as a prohibition against any person or persons walking, running, loitering, standing or motoring upon any alley, street, highway, public property or vacant premises within the corporate limits of the Village during the hours in which a curfew has been imposed, excepting persons officially designated to duty with reference to said civil emergency.

Section 2. Declaration of Emergency. Whenever a

civil emergency as defined in the preceding Section exists, the Mayor shall declare its existence by means of a written declaration under oath setting forth the nature of the emergency and declaring that an emergency exists which imperils the residents of the Village of Chatham.

In the event the Mayor is physically unable to make this declaration, the Acting Mayor as designated by the Board of Trustees shall have all of the powers described herein unless and until the Mayor is able to resume his normal executive functions.

Section 3. General Curfew. After declaration of a civil emergency by the Mayor, he may order a general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the Village or to the Village as a whole as he deems advisable, and applicable during such hours of the day or night as he deems necessary in the interest of the public safety and welfare.

Section 4. General Orders. After the declaration of a civil emergency, the Mayor may also in the interest of public safety and welfare make any or all of the following orders:

- A. Order the closing of all retail alcoholic liquor businesses, including taverns and private clubs or portions thereof wherein the consumption of intoxicating liquor and beer is permitted.
- B. Order the discontinuance of the sale of alcoholic liquor by any wholesaler or retailer.
- C. Order the discontinuance of selling, distributing or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank properly affixed to a motor vehicle.

D. Order the discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing or giving away of any firearms or ammunition of any character whatsoever.

E. Make such contracts and agreements as are necessary to protect the well-being of the residents of the Village of Chatham. Provided, that all such agreements which involve the expenditure of Village funds shall be subject to ratification and approval by the Board of Trustees before Village funds are disbursed.

F. Order the designation of certain areas as "Restricted Areas" within the Village of Chatham and provide that no person shall enter any area designated as such unless in the performance of official duties or with written permission from the Mayor or his duly designated representative. Any person who shall prove that his residence is within a restricted area shall be permitted to visit his residence unless in the opinion of the Mayor or his designee such a visit imperils life and property. The areas designated as "Restricted Areas" shall if possible be placarded as such.

G. Issue such other orders as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property.

Section 5. Expiration. A civil emergency as defined by this Ordinance shall expire not later than the adjournment of the first regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees after the civil emergency is declared.

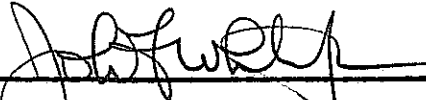
Section 6. Effective date. This Ordinance shall be

in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

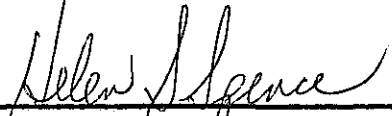
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President, Board of Trustees  
Village of Chatham

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Village Clerk