

ORDINANCE NO. 43

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY OF STILWELL, AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR A DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE AND A CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; CONFERRING CERTAIN POWERS AND AUTHORITY UPON THE CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION; STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS AND INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; CONFERRING POLICE POWER UPON MEMBERS OF SUCH ORGANIZATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STILWELL:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to create a Civil Defense Organization for the City of Stilwell to be prepared for, and to function in the event of, emergencies endangering the lives and property of the people of such City. The duty of such Civil Defense Organization shall be the protection of the lives and health of the citizens of Stilwell and of property and property rights, both private and public, and to perform all functions necessary and incident thereto.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established, under the executive branch of the City of Stilwell, a Department of Civil Defense, which consists of:

- (a) A director of Civil Defense who shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Stilwell and serve at his pleasure.
- (b) A civil Defense Advisory Committee. This Committee shall consist of the Mayor as Chairman and five members appointed by the Mayor and serving at his pleasure. The Committee shall select from its members a Vice-Chairman and Secretary. It shall hold such meetings as are directed by the Mayor and its function shall be to act in an advisory capacity as needed or requested by the Mayor or the Director of Civil Defense.

SECTION 3. The Director of Civil Defense shall be the executive head of the Department of Civil Defense and shall be responsible for carrying out the Civil Defense program of the City of Stilwell. He shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. It shall be the duty of the Director of Civil Defense, as soon as practicable after his appointment, to perfect an organization to carry out the purposes set forth in this Ordinance, and he shall have all the necessary power and authority to form committees or other bodies and to appoint and designate the chairman or chief officer of such bodies as may be necessary to perfect such an organization. He shall have such further duty and responsibility to cooperate with all Civil Defense agencies of other governmental units, including the State of Oklahoma and the Federal Government.

SECTION 4. The Director of Civil Defense is further authorized to formulate written plans and gather information and keep written record thereof to govern the functions of the Civil Defense organization.

SECTION 5. In the event of an enemy-caused emergency or emergency resulting from natural causes, the Director of Civil Defense, after due authorization from the Mayor and the City of Stilwell, shall have the power and authority to enforce all rules and regulations relating to Civil Defense and, if necessary, take control of transportation; communications; stocks of fuel, food, clothing and medicine; and public utilities for the purpose of protecting the civilian population. He shall cooperate in every way with the activities of other governmental agencies of Civil Defense organizations, and,

if required by the Mayor, shall have control over any and all funds allocated from any source for the purpose of alleviating distress conditions of the City of Stilwell.

SECTION 6. The Director of Civil Defense and other members of the Civil Defense organizations created by him shall have the power and authority to enforce the laws of the State of Oklahoma and Ordinances of the City of Stilwell during the period of emergency and shall, at such time, have the further power to make arrests for violations of such laws and ordinances.

SECTION 7. All members of the Civil Defense organization created hereunder shall serve without compensation, and the City of Stilwell shall not be liable for any personal injury received by any member of such organization while acting in the line of duty.

SECTION 8. For the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED and APPROVED in regular session this 3rd day of April, 1962.

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GEORGE BEAN
Mayor

ATTEST: JOE H. CARSON
City Clerk

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