



City Code Chapter 14

Civil Defense and Emergency Services

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Background

- Emergency Management focus was on wartime civil defense in the 1950s.
- During the 1960s and 1970s, focus shifted to natural disasters (predominantly hurricanes and earthquakes).
- In the 1980s and 1990s, several natural and manmade disasters occurred.
- September 11, 2001 shifted the focus to all hazards.



Proposed Amendments

- Allow for alignment with:
 - Related State Statutes (ARS 26-301, ARS 26-302, ARS 26-308, and ARS 26-314)
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency doctrine and best practices
- Modernize the language to reflect focus and terminology of the emergency management discipline
- Increase clarity on roles and responsibilities of the City's Emergency Management organization



Recommendation

- Propose an ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 14 Civil Defense and Emergency Services to modernize the language and bring it into alignment with ARS 26-301, ARS 26-302, ARS 26-308, and ARS 26-314
- City Council should consider a proposed amendment at the Council Voting Meeting on October 24, 2023