ORDINANCE NUMBER 283

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL AND
PROSCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SOLANO DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the SOLANO COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL, hereinafter
called the Defense Council.

SECTION 2. The defense Council shall be composed of one representative of the
Board of Supervisors, to be designated by the Board of Supervisors; the District Attorney;
the sheriff; the County Engineer; the County Health Officer; and one representative from
each of the incorporated cities within the county, to be nominated by the governing body of
each such city and appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Such additional members as may
be required to carry out the purpose of this ordinance, not exceeding five in number, may be
appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon recommendation of the Council as constituted aforesaid.

The Council shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among the members of
the Council and may appoint a Secretary who need not be a member of the Council and who shall
perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

SECTION 3. The members of the Defense Council, other than those designated
by titles, shall serve for a term of one year and until their successors are appointed and
qualified, as provided in Section 2. A four-fifths vote of all the members of the Board of
Supervisors will be required to remove any member of said Defense Council from office prior
to the expiration of his term of office. Vacancies on the Defense Council shall be filled in
the manner provided for original appointment.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Defense Council to
coordinate the activities within the county of governmental and private agencies, and of
individuals, cooperating in the defense effort; to stimulate public interest and participation
in defense activities; to consider and recommend to appropriate governmental authorities
plans for the public safety, health and welfare; to plan a major disaster program, capable of
functioning in a defense emergency; and to perform such other advisory functions as may
be requested of it by officials of the city, county, state, and Federal agencies engaged in the
defense effort.

Said council shall receive, acknowledge and appraise proffers of facilities, services and ideas originating within the community and make appropriate disposition of same; collect information concerning defense programs and objectives among cooperating agencies; recommend adjustments or arrangements necessary for prompt assimilation of government programs for defense to the appropriate officers, departments or agencies; receive requests for assistance from the State Council of Defense and from Federal defense authorities and transmit these requests to the proper authorities or agencies; accumulate or assist in the accumulation of information regarding local governmental, financial, economic, industrial and human facilities and resources and transmit any such facts, as well as other necessary information, to the state council of defense and to Federal defense authorities.

Every department, commission, officer, and employee of the County of Solano shall
cooperate with and assist the Defense Council so as to enable the Council to accomplish the
objectives of this ordinance.
SECTION 4. There are hereby created as permanent committees of the Defense Council: 

1. Committee on Civil Protection, which shall consider defense matters relating to the public safety, the protection of civil liberties and the maintenance of law and order, including the preparation of a disaster preparedness plan;

2. Committee on Human Resources and Skills, which shall assist in the registration of persons for defense work of all kinds, cooperate with governmental agencies in making plans for defense training of skilled workers and other persons engaged in defense work requiring special training, and analyze and report to the defense council on all promises of assistance from private persons and organizations;

3. Committee on Health, Welfare, and Consumer Interest, which shall consider activities designed to contribute directly to the social, physical and economic well-being of the individual and the family, protection from want, protection against unwarranted rise in prices;

4. Committee on Transportation, Housing, Works and Facilities, which shall consider provisions for defense housing, buildings and structures, works for water supply and transportation, highways, airports and other transportation facilities;

5. Committee on Public Information, which shall serve all committees of the Council as a medium through which to inform the public of defense activities, develop plans for the use of newspapers, radio, and other means of public information, and attract and sustain citizen interest and participation in defense work;

6. Committee on Industrial Resources and Production, which shall consider the industrial resources of the county as these relate to defense production and assist in making the most advantageous use of such facilities;

7. Committee on Agricultural Resources and Production, which shall consider the conservation and use of land and the crops and livestock it supports, the growing and marketing of plant and animal products for consumption as food or as raw materials entering into industrial production.

The Defense Council may create other permanent committees and such temporary committees of the Council as the Council deems necessary and shall define their duties within the purpose of this ordinance and may abolish any such committee. The chairmen of the permanent committees of the Defense Council shall be designated by the chairman of the Council from among the members appointed as provided in section 2 of this ordinance. Members of permanent committees other than the chairman and all members of temporary committees shall be appointed by the chairman of the Defense Council and need not be members of the defense council.

SECTION 6. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law. The following is a specific statement showing the urgency of this ordinance:

An emergency exists in the United States and in this State in providing adequate National and Local Defense. It is necessary that all information be gathered relating to National defense and to provide for the proper cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies so that adequate local defense may be provided for at as early a date as possible.
SECTION 1. This ordinance shall be published once on or before the eighth day after its passage in VALLEJO TIMES-HERALD, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in the county of Solano.

DAN FOLEY
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Solano, State of California.

ATTEST:
LEWIS MORRILL
County Clerk and ex officio Clerk of said board.

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Lewis Morrill
Clerk of said Board