ORDINANCE NO. 721

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A MUNICIPAL DEFENSE COUNCIL, AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES.

Whereas, the President of the United States, by Executive Order signed on May 20, 1941, created the Office of Civilian Defense in the Office of Emergency Management; and

Whereas, the Office of Civilian Defense has requested the cooperation and assistance of all municipalities in carrying out the Civilian Defense program; and

Whereas, it is desirable to coordinate all municipal defense activity in one municipal agency; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby created the Municipal Defense Council of the City of Kent to be composed of a Chairman and such other persons, not exceeding eleven in number, as the Mayor may appoint from time to time. The Mayor shall designate one of the members so appointed as Vice Chairman. Each member of the Municipal Defense Council shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council, and shall be discharged by the Mayor only with the consent of the City Council. Unless sooner discharged, the members of the Municipal Defense Council shall serve until repeal of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The Municipal Defense Council is hereby authorized to expend whatever funds are appropriated to carry out the functions of the Defense Council subject, however, to all regulations now provided by law governing this municipality.

Section 3. The Municipal Defense Council shall be charged with the duty of coordinating all defense activities of this City.

It shall:

(1) Coordinate the activities of municipal and private agencies cooperating in the defense program;
(2) Keep in contact with the Office of Civilian Defense to the end that all requests and suggestions from that Office shall receive prompt and efficient response;

(3) Conduct studies regarding defense problems of the City of Kent to the end that the municipal government of the City of Kent will at all times be abreast of the problems of defense, and information desired by Federal agencies will be readily available;

(4) Survey existing facilities, proffers of facilities, services and ideas originating within the city and make appropriate disposition of them;

(5) Act as a clearinghouse on municipal defense information for all governmental and private agencies cooperating in the defense program;

(6) Direct information regarding the defense program to all municipal departments or agencies which are or may be affected thereby;

(7) Make recommendations, from time to time, for improvements in the handling of defense problems affecting the City of Kent.

(8) Perform such other advisory functions as may be requested by agencies or departments of the Federal Government in connection with the National Defense program;

(9) Do whatever is necessary and proper subject to the provisions of Section 2, to carry out the intent and purpose of this Ordinance in assisting proper local authorities in the protection of life and property.

Section 4. The Municipal Defense Council may expedite procedure by organizing itself into subcommittees and may subdivide its work and prescribe such rules and regulations as are not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance. It may recommend, for adoption by the City Council, training regulations. It may delegate the authority of preliminary hearings for dismissal of voluntary workers to the heads of Departments; provided, however, that no voluntary worker shall be dismissed over his objection.
without a hearing before the full Municipal Defense Council.

The Municipal Defense Council may appoint additional commit­
tees to meet any emergency that may arise but shall report same
promptly to the Council of the City of Kent which shall have the
authority, at its discretion, to order the discontinuance of such
committee. Any person appointed to any position created under
this Ordinance may be removed by the appointing authority for any
reason deemed by it to be sufficient, subject however to the ap­
proval by the City Council of the discharge of a member of the
Defense Council.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force
five days after its passage, approval and publication as by law
provided.

Mayor

Attest

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

PASSED this 15th day of December, 1941.
APPROVED this 16th day of December, 1941.
PUBLISHED this 18th day of December, 1941.
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REPEALED
BY ORD. 1113

Creating Office of Municipal Defense