

## **Chapter 139**

### **EMERGENCIES**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the City Council of the City of Laconia 12-29-1975 as Ch. 61 of the Public Ordinances of 1975. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

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**§ 139-1. Findings.**

The City Council of the City of Laconia hereby declares that there is an urgent need for the City of Laconia to provide emergency services to its inhabitants in the event of emergencies, such as fire, flooding, windstorm, hurricane, heavy snowfall, civil disorders or whatever events which may arise which tend to jeopardize the peace, safety and welfare of the city; that it is in the interest of the public welfare to render aid and assistance in emergencies to the inhabitants of the City of Laconia; and that emergency services are a proper and necessary public service requiring municipal supervision for the safety and welfare of the city's inhabitants.

**§ 139-2. Legislative authority.**

This chapter shall be deemed and construed thereby an exercise of police power of the City of Laconia, in the State of New Hampshire, for the preservation and protection of public safety and welfare, and all its provisions shall be liberally construed with a view to the effectuation of such purpose.

**§ 139-3. Declaration of emergency.**

In the event of an emergency or potential emergency situation, such as any natural disaster or man-made calamity, including fire, flooding, windstorm, hurricane, heavy snowfall or civil disorders, such as riots or unlawful assembly characterized by the use of actual or potential force or violence, the Manager shall have the authority to order that vehicles be removed from any and all public streets, ways and parking lots situated in the city and shall direct the Police Department to cause to be removed any vehicle left upon any public street, way or parking lot which shall constitute a hazard or impediment to the passage of fire equipment, ambulances and other emergency vehicles. Every owner of a motor vehicle left on any public street, way or parking lot within the City of Laconia by so leaving said vehicle consents to such removal and assumes thereby the cost of such removal and storage charges resulting therefrom and waives thereby any claim against the City of Laconia or any corporation, firm or individual for any damages arising from such removal. Also, in the event of such an emergency, the Manager may order:

- A. A general curfew applicable to such geographical areas of the city or to the city as a whole as he deems advisable, and such curfew to be applicable during such hours of day or night as he deems necessary in the interest of public safety and welfare.
- B. The closing of all beer taverns, private clubs or portions thereof wherein consumption of intoxicating liquor or beer is permitted.
- C. The discontinuance of the sale of any intoxicating beverage.
- D. The discontinuance of selling, distributing or giving away gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than in a gasoline tank properly affixed to a motor vehicle.
- E. The closing of gasoline stations and other establishments, the chief activity of which is the sale, distribution or dispensing of liquid flammable or combustible products.
- F. The discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing or giving away of any firearms or ammunition of any character.
- G. The closing of all establishment's or portions thereof which sell, distribute, dispense or give away firearms or ammunition of any character.
- H. The issuance of such orders as are imminently necessary for the protection of life and property and peace and welfare of the city's inhabitants.

**§ 139-4. Violations and penalties.**

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.), imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both. Such person shall be deemed to be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of this chapter is committed, continued or permitted by such person and shall be punishable therefor as provided therein.