



# City of Lawton

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Lawton, Oklahoma  
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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 21-427, **Version:** 1

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### **ITEM TITLE:**

Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 8, Lawton City Code 2015, renaming the chapter, revising the scope, adding, and deleting definitions, adding a section on cybersecurity, and bringing several sections within Chapter 8, Lawton City Code 2015, into compliance with the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003 and establishing an effective date.

**INITIATOR:** City Attorney John Ratliff

**STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE:** City Attorney John Ratliff and City Manager Michael Cleghorn

**BACKGROUND:** While dealing with the aftermath of the historic winter weather event in February of this year, chapter 8 of Lawton City Code 2015 was identified by key leaders in the city as being woefully out of a date. This revision of the code is needed in order to align the city code with the Emergency Management Act of 2003 and to ensure that city officials/employees are operating the same terminology that their state and federal level counterparts are operating under. This revision also deleted antiquated terminology like “civil defense forces” and “civil defense activities” and replaced those words with terms used in the state statute. Additionally, a new section was added to address cybersecurity and emergency communication while operating under a proclaimed state of emergency.

**EXHIBIT:** Ordinance No. 21-\_\_\_\_\_

**KEY ISSUES:** N/A

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:** Approve Ordinance No. 21-\_\_\_\_\_, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only.