



Legislation Text

File #: 21-505, **Version:** 1

ITEM TITLE:

Consider approving an ordinance, including any floor amendment related thereto, pertaining to Public Health and Safety, renaming the title of Chapter 8 of Lawton City Code from “Civil Defense” to “Public Health and Safety”; amending Sections 8-1-101, 8-1-102, 8-1-103, 8-1-104, 8-1-105, 8-1-106, 8-1-107, 8-1-108, 8-1-110, 8-1-112, 8-1-113, 8-1-114, 8-1-115, 8-1-118, 8-1-119; repealing and reserving Sections 8-1-109, 8-1-111, 8-1-116, 8-1-117; creating Sections 8-1-122 and 8-1-123, Article 8-1, Chapter 8, Lawton City Code, 2015; updating the provisions of the chapter to include revising the scope of said chapter, updating definitions to include adding the definition of “Emergency Management”, removing references to “Civil Defense”, adding other definitions, adding a section on cybersecurity and an emergency operations center, and bringing several sections into compliance with the Oklahoma Emergency Management Act of 2003; providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

INITIATOR: City Attorney - John Ratliff

STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE: City Attorney - John Ratliff & 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February of this year, Chapter 8 of Lawton City Code 2015 was identified by key leaders in the city as being woefully out of date.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 city officials/employees are operating the same terminology that their state and federal level counterparts are operating under. This revision also deletes antiquated terminology like “civil defense forces” and “civil defense activities” and replaces those words with terms used in the state statute. Additionally, new sections are being added to address (1) cybersecurity and emergency communication while operating under a proclaimed state of emergency, and (2) the establishment of an Emergency Operations Center.

EXHIBIT: Ordinance No. 21-

KEY ISSUES: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION: Approve the proposed ordinance, waive the reading of the ordinance, read the title only, and establish an effective date.