

ORDINANCE NO. 120

1 AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL
2 AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

3 WHEREAS, on May 28, 1940, the president of the United States
4 created a Council of National Defense and an Advisory Commission
5 thereto for the purpose of assisting in the coordination of various
6 governmental, industrial, agricultural, economic and the activities
7 essential to preparing for the defense of the United States; and,

8 WHEREAS, the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Com-
9 mission have recommended that the National Defense Program and ac-
10 tivities related thereto be carried on through regular governmental
11 channels insofar as possible; and

12 WHEREAS, the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Comm-
13 ission has officially requested the California Council of Defense
14 to assist and to expedite the formation of local councils of defense;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa desires to assist in the program
17 of National Defense by coordinating all of its public and private
18 facilities, resources and activities with the program aforesaid;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mari-
20 posa does ordain as follows:

21 Section 1. There is hereby created the Mariposa County Defense
22 Council.

23 Section 2. The Defense Council shall be composed of one repre-
24 sentative of the Board of Supervisors, to be designated by the Board
25 of Supervisors; the District Attorney; the Sheriff; the County Clerk;
26 the County Surveyor; the County Health Officer, all being officers
27 of Mariposa County; the State Ranger of Mariposa County; the Captain
28 of the Highway Patrol of the State of California located in Mariposa
29 County; the Commander of Mariposa Post No. 567 of the American Leg-
30 ion; the Commander of Yosemite Post No. 258 of the American Legion;
31 the Commander of El Portal Post No. 2971 of the Veterans of Foreign
32 Wars of the United States; John L. Dexter; Frank B. Ewing; Clyde C.
33 Adams; Joseph Hamilton; E. R. Carter; Joseph Raynor; Thomas L.
34 Graham, and such additional members as may be required to carry out
35 the purpose of this ordinance, not exceeding seven in number, may
36 be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon recommendation of the
37 Council as constituted above.

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

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

50 Section 4. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the
51 Defense Council to coordinate the activities within the county of
52 governmental and private agencies, and of individuals, cooperating
53 in the defense effort; to stimulate public interest and participa-
54 tion in defense activities; to consider and recommend to appropriate
55 governmental authorities plans for the public safety, health

1 and welfare; to plan a major disaster program, capable of func-
2 tioning in a defense emergency; and to perform such other advis-
3 ory functions as may be requested of it by officials of the city,
county, state, and Federal agencies engaged in the defense effort.

4 Said Council shall receive, acknowledge and appraise prof-
5 fers of facilities, services and ideas originating within the com-
6 munity and make appropriate dispositions of same; clear informa-
7 tion concerning defense programs and objectives among cooperating
8 agencies; recommend adjustments or arrangements necessary for
9 prompt assimilation of government programs for defense to the
10 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.

11 Every department, commission, officer and employee of the
12 County of Mariposa shall cooperate with and assist the Defense
13 Council so as to enable the Council to accomplish the objectives
of this ordinance.

14 Section 5. There is hereby created as permanent committees
15 of the Defense Council: (1) Committee on Civil Protection, which
16 shall consider defense matters relating to the public safety, the
17 protection of civil liberties and the maintenance of law and or-
18 der, including the preparation of a disaster preparedness plan;
19 (2) Committee on Human Resources and Skills, which shall assist
20 in the registration of persons for defense work of all kinds, co-
21 operate with governmental agencies in making plans for defense
22 training of skilled workers and other persons engaged in defense
23 work requiring special training, and analyze and report to the
24 Defense Council on all proffers of assistance from private per-
25 sons and organizations; (3) Committee on Health, Welfare and Con-
26 sumer Interest, which shall consider activities designed to con-
27 tribute directly to the social, physical and economic well-being
28 of the individual and the family, protection from want, protec-
29 tion against unwarranted rise in prices; (4) Committee on Trans-
30 portation, 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 infor-
mation, and attract and sustain citizen interest and participation
in defense work; (6) Committee on Industrial Resources and Produc-
tion, 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 Agri-
cultural Resources and Production, which shall consider the con-
servation and use of land and the crops and livestock it supports,
the growing and marketing of plants and animal products for con-
sumption as food or as raw materials entering into industrial
production.

31 The Defense Council may create other permanent committees and
32 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 chairman of the

1 permanent committees of the Defense Council shall be designated
2 by the Chairman of the Council from among the members appointed
3 as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance. Members of permanent
4 committees other than the chairman and all members of temporary
5 committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Defense
6 Council and need not be members of the Defense Council.

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8 Section 6. All expenses incurred in carrying out the pur-
9 poses and objects of this ordinance shall constitute a proper and
10 legal charge against the County of Mariposa, provided, however,
11 said expenses must be authorized by the Board of Supervisors prior
12 to being incurred.

13 Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emer-
14 gency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the
15 public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect and be in
16 force from and after its passage and publication as required by
17 law. The following is a specific statement showing the urgency
18 of this ordinance:

19 An emergency exists in the United States and in this State
20 in providing adequate National and Local Defense. It is neces-
21 sary that all information be gathered relating to National Defense
22 and to provide for the proper cooperation and coordination of
23 public and private agencies so that adequate Local Defense may be
24 provided for at as early a date as possible.

25 PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 4th day of August, A.D. 1941, by
26 the following vote:

27 AYES:

28 Eugene McClellan
29 Ray M. Sullivan
30 E. L. J. Hayer
31 Fred B. McCay
32 E. J. Mentzer

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

33 E. J. Mentzer
34 Chairman, Board of Supervisors,
35 Mariposa County, California.

36 ATTEST:

37 J. C. Grayson
38 County Clerk and ex-officio
39 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.