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ORDINANCE NO. 1251

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, KNOWN AS NIMS, AS THE INCIDENT SYSTEM TO BE USED FOR PLANNING, RESPONDING, RECOVERY AND MITIGATING FROM BOTH NATURAL AND MANMADE DISASTERS WITHING THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a nationwide approach for Federal, State, Local, and Tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, Local and Tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, Local and Tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, Local and Tribal organization utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standard, uniform standard for planning, training, and exercising comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the city's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State in accordance with K.S.A. 48-928 (o), including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, on April 19, 2005, the Governor of the State of Kansas, Kathleen Sebelius signed Executive Order number 05-03 designating NIMS as the Incident Management System to be used in Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, under the Laws of the State of Kansas, does hereby establish the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) as the City standard for incident management.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing Body this 15th day of September, 2008


HARLEY MCDANIEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANICE BLANCETT, CITY CLERK

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