

ORDINANCE NO. 2005-2

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCIES IN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Declaration of Local Emergency

Section 1. (a) As used in this ordinance, "disaster" means an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause.

(b) The term includes the following:

- (1) fire
- (2) flood
- (3) earthquake
- (4) wind
- (5) storm, including snowstorm
- (6) oil spill
- (7) other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage
- (8) air contamination
- (9) drought
- (10) explosion
- (11) riot
- (12) hostile military or paramilitary action.

Section 2. The president of the town council is authorized to declare a local disaster emergency. In the absence of the president, any member of the town council may make the declaration.

Section 3. An order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly in the office of the town clerk.


Section 4. A declaration of emergency may not be continued or renewed for more than seven (7) days except by or with the consent of a majority of the town council.


Section 5. (a) The effect of a declaration of a local disaster emergency is to:


- (1) activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans; and
 - (2) authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under the plans.
- (b) The town council may make such emergency regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry out emergency plans or to protect persons and property.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2005.

WESTPORT TOWN COUNCIL








Clerk-Treasurer