

CHAPTER 18 – CIVIL EMERGENCIES

Secs. 18-1–18-50. – Reserved.

Sec. 18-51. – Purpose.

This division is enacted for the purpose of providing necessary explicit regulations to prevent the unscrupulous business practice of charging exorbitantly for food, fuel, clothing or other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems which fall only within the boundaries of the county and do not impact systems affecting other adjoining or other political subdivisions following the declaration of an emergency by the board of supervisors, the governor, or the President.

(Ord. of 12-8-1992)

Sec. 18-52. – Construction.

The provisions of this division shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes of this division in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens and inhabitants of the county.

(Ord. of 12-8-1992)

Sec. 18-53. – Provisions.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to charge more than necessary to make the same relative net profit margin on food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems which fall only within the boundaries of the county and which do not impact systems affecting adjoining or other political subdivisions delivered following the declaration of a local, state or federally declared emergency than was made during the 24-hour period of time prior to the

declaration of the emergency.

(b) All persons offering food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems for sale, trade or barter in the county and who were not offering food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems in the county prior to the declared emergency must register first with the county office of emergency services before conducting business in the county.

(Ord. of 12-8-1992)

Sec. 18-54. – Termination.

Following the termination of the emergency by the board of supervisors, the governor or the President, the provisions of this division shall no longer apply.

(Ord. of 12-8-1992)

Sec. 18-55. – Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this division shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor.