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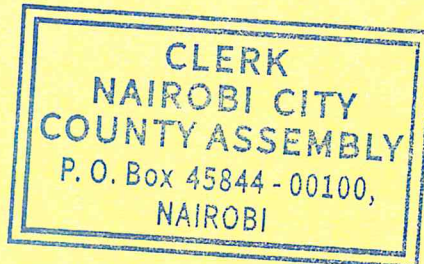
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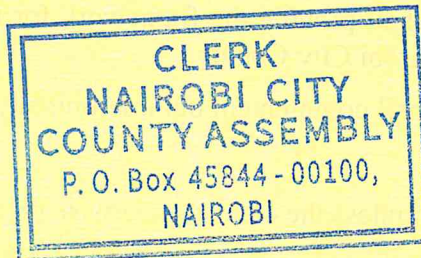
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**THE NAIROBI CITY COUNTY DISASTER AND EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT BILL, 2026****A Bill for**

**AN ACT of the County Assembly of Nairobi City to provide a framework for the implementation of Part 2 (12) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, to manage emergencies and disasters within Nairobi City County, to establish the Nairobi Disaster Management Authority and for connected purposes**

**ENACTED** by the County Assembly of Nairobi City, as follows —

**PART I—PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES****Short title and Commencement**

1. (1) This Act shall be cited as the Nairobi City County Disaster and Emergency Management Act, 2026.

(2) This Act shall come into force upon publication in the *Kenya Gazette*.

(3) This Act shall provide the framework for managing emergencies and disasters in Nairobi City County.

(4) The Act shall complement but not limit any other applicable laws.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Nairobi City County Disaster and Emergency Management Act;

“authority” means the Nairobi Disaster and Emergency Management Authority established under section 8;

“authorized officer” means any person or public officer designated by or under this Act to exercise powers of enforcement;

“board” means the governing body responsible for overseeing the operations of the Authority;

“committee” means the Nairobi City County Disaster Management and Emergency Committee;

“complex emergency” means a humanitarian crisis in a country, region or society where there is total or considerable breakdown of authority resulting from internal or external conflict;

“county” means the Nairobi City County;

“county chief officer” means a County Chief Officer responsible for matters relating to emergency and disaster management within the county;

“county executive committee member” means the County Executive Committee Member responsible for matters relating to emergency and disaster management within the county;

“disaster” means a sudden, calamitous event, caused by nature or human beings, that seriously disrupts the functioning of a community or society and causes human, material, economic, or environmental losses that exceed the community’s or society’s ability to cope using its own resources;

“disaster management” means the coordinated, multi-sectoral, and multi-disciplinary efforts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters;

“disaster risk reduction” means efforts and initiatives aimed at preventing new risks, reducing existing risks, managing residual risks, and strengthening community resilience;

“early warning system” means an integrated system for monitoring, forecasting, risk assessment, and communication that enables timely action to reduce disaster risks before hazardous events;

“emergency” means a serious, unexpected, and dangerous situation requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate harm to life, property, or the environment;

“emergency response” means the coordinated immediate actions taken to save lives, alleviate suffering, and restore well-being during or following an incident, disaster, or humanitarian crisis;

“emergency service provider” means any public or private entity providing services necessary for disaster response and recovery, and includes any entity listed in the Second Schedule;

“financial year” means the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year;

“fund” means the Nairobi County Disaster Management Fund, established under this Act;

“hazard mapping” means the process of identifying areas that are at risk and determining the extent of the threat to people, property, infrastructure, and economic activities;

“incident” means any event that disrupts normal operations and potentially causes harm, damage, or loss;

“level 1 emergency” means a localized incident that the County Government can effectively manage within its existing resources;

“level 2 emergency” means an incident of greater scale or complexity that strains the County Government’s capacity and may require additional support from specialized teams or external agencies;

“level 3 emergency” means a major incident that exceeds the County Government’s capacity and requires intervention and support from the National Government and other external agencies;

“level 4 emergency” means a major incident of such magnitude that it exceeds both County and National Government capacities and may require international assistance;

“managing director” means the Executive Head of the Nairobi Disaster Management Authority, responsible for overseeing its day-to-day operations, appointed under this Act;

“Public Finance Management Act” means the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 (No. 18 of 2012);

“residents” association” means a group or organization composed of residents in a particular neighborhood or estate formed to promote the collective interests of members; and

“vulnerability” means the likelihood of a disaster harming a person, community, system, or asset.

### **Object of the Act**

3. The Objects of this Act are to—

- (a) establish a legal and institutional framework for comprehensive disaster and emergency management in Nairobi City County;
- (b) provide for the establishment of the Nairobi Disaster and Emergency Management Authority as the lead agency for coordinating emergency response and disaster management;
- (c) strengthen disaster risk reduction through proactive risk assessments, early warning systems, and mitigation measures;
- (d) enhance institutional and community preparedness for timely and coordinated response to disasters and emergencies;
- (e) promote public awareness, stakeholder participation, and community-based approaches that build resilience;
- (f) integrate disaster risk management into county planning, budgeting, and development in line with Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals;

- (g) provide for the establishment and management of a County Disaster Management Fund and mobilize resources for effective implementation;
- (h) support the establishment of a Centre of Excellence to drive training, research, innovation, and technology adoption in disaster management; and
- (i) ensure alignment of the County's strategies with relevant national, regional and international legal and policy frameworks.

### **Guiding Principles**

4. Disaster and Emergency Management in Nairobi City County shall be guided by the following principles—

- (a) Adherence to the national values and principles of governance set out under Article 10 of the Constitution;
- (b) Leadership and integrity in accordance with Chapter Six of the Constitution and the Leadership and Integrity Act, 2012 (No. 19 of 2012);
- (c) Transparency, accountability, and efficient use of public resources, in line with Articles 201 and 232 of the Constitution;
- (d) Equality and non-discrimination, including affirmative action for vulnerable and marginalized groups, as provided under Articles 27, 55, and 56;
- (e) Timely, coordinated, and inclusive action involving all relevant agencies, non-state actors, and affected communities;
- (f) A proactive approach while prioritizing risk reduction, prevention, and preparedness;
- (g) Protection of life, dignity, and access to essential services, in line with Articles 26, 28, and 43;
- (h) Integration of climate change adaptation, environmental protection, and sustainable development principles in all disaster and emergency management actions; and
- (i) legal and policy alignment, ensuring consistency with all applicable national, regional, and international disaster risk and emergency management frameworks and legislation.

**PART II—ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER AND  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Role of the County Government**

5. The County Government shall—

- (a) develop and implement policies, legislation, and fiscal frameworks, including resource allocation, to give effect to the objectives of this Act;
- (b) integrate disaster risk management into all county planning, budgeting, and development processes;
- (c) coordinate disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response, and recovery activities across all sectors within the County;
- (d) liaise with the national government, other county governments, international partners, and relevant stakeholders for purposes of coordination, technical assistance, and resource mobilization; and
- (e) provide strategic direction to institutions established under this Act.

**The Nairobi City County Disaster and Emergency Management Committee**

6. There is established the Nairobi City County Disaster and Emergency Management Committee.

**Composition of the committee**

7. (1) The Committee shall consist of the following members—

- (a) the Governor of Nairobi City County, who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) the County Regional Commissioner;
- (c) the County Secretary;
- (d) the County Police Commander;
- (e) the Assembly Committee Chair responsible for Disaster Management;
- (f) the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Disaster Management;
- (g) the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Finance;

- (h) the County Attorney;
- (i) the County Chief Officer responsible for Disaster Management, who shall be the Secretary to the Committee;
- (j) the Managing Director of the Nairobi County Disaster and Emergency Management Authority;
- (k) one representative from development or humanitarian partners;
- (l) one representative from the private sector with relevant expertise; and
- (m) one representative from civil society or community organizations.

(2) The Committee may, where necessary, co-opt any person whose knowledge or experience is considered essential to the effective discharge of its functions.

(3) The Committee shall meet at least once every quarter; however, the Chairperson may convene an extraordinary meeting(s) whenever necessary.

(4) The Committee shall regulate its own procedure and the conduct of its business

(5) Members shall attend meetings in person and may, by written notice, designate an alternate member to represent them only in a sub-committee.

#### **Power of the Committee**

8. The Committee shall have power to —

- (a) declare county emergencies, including complex emergencies, and coordinate their management; and
- (b) mobilize additional resources from state and non-state actors when necessary.

#### **Functions of the Committee**

9. The Committee shall—

- (a) foster inter-governmental and inter-agency collaboration and coordination; and
- (b) provide general oversight during major disaster and emergency incidents within the County.

### **Establishment of the Nairobi Disaster and Emergency Management Authority**

**10.** (1) There is established the Nairobi Disaster and Emergency Management Authority which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

(2) The Authority shall in its corporate name be capable of—

- (a) sue and be sued;
- (b) acquire, hold, charge, and dispose of movable and immovable property; and
- (c) performing all other acts for the proper discharge of its functions under this Act, which may be lawfully done by a body corporate.

(3) The Authority shall be the lead agency that coordinates disaster and emergency management within the County.

### **Functions of the Authority**

**11.** The Authority shall—

- (a) formulate policy and strategic directions for disaster and emergency management in the County;
- (b) coordinate disaster management and emergency response in the County;
- (c) provide —
  - (a) fire and rescue services;
  - (b) disaster risk reduction services; and
  - (c) research, innovation, training, and capacity development.
- (d) enforce safety standards developed under this or any other applicable law;
- (e) accredit and regulate disaster and emergency response service providers operating within the County;
- (f) provide appropriate technical support and advisory services;
- (g) prepare and submit periodic reports to the County Executive and the County Assembly as maybe required; and
- (h) perform any other function conferred by this Act or any other written law.

## **Powers of the Nairobi Disaster and Emergency Management Authority**

**12.** The Authority shall have power to —

- (a) enter into contracts or agreements necessary for the execution of its mandate;
- (b) enter into partnerships or collaborative arrangements with public or private entities, in accordance with this Act or any other applicable law;
- (c) mobilize and deploy resources, including personnel, equipment, and funding, for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery;
- (d) access any site, premises, or information relevant to disaster and emergency management, subject to applicable laws;
- (e) issue directives, advisories, or guidelines to relevant entities on disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response, and recovery;
- (f) undertake or commission studies and research related to disaster and emergency management;
- (g) support and facilitate community-based disaster risk reduction and resilience building initiatives; and
- (h) institute legal proceedings to enforce this Act or recover costs and penalties from non-compliant persons.

### **Establishment of the Board**

**13.** (1) There is established the Nairobi Disaster and Emergency Management Authority Board.

(2) The management and policy direction of the Authority shall be vested in the Board.

(3) The Board shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than (9) members.

(4) The Board shall consist of—

- (a) a Chairperson, appointed by the Governor;
- (b) the County Chief Officer responsible for Disaster Management;
- (c) the County Chief Officer responsible for Finance;
- (d) the County Chief Officer responsible for Boroughs and sub-county administration;
- (e) one person representing humanitarian or emergency response organizations;

- (f) one representative from community-based organizations or residents' associations;
- (g) one person representing the business sector with expertise in risk management, logistics, or emergency services;
- (h) one representative of youth organizations; and
- (i) one representative of organizations representing persons with disabilities.

(5) Members under paragraphs (e) to (i) shall be appointed by the County Executive Committee Member responsible for Disaster Management through a competitive process.

(6) In making appointments under this section, regard shall be had to gender equity, inclusivity, integrity, and competence.

(7) Members under section 4(1)(b), (c), and (d) shall serve *ex-officio*

(8) An *ex-officio* member may designate in writing a senior officer not below the rank of Director to attend and participate in a meeting on his or her behalf.

(9) The Board may co-opt any person whose expertise is necessary for the discharge of its functions, but such person shall not vote.

#### **Qualifications of members of the Board**

14. A person is eligible for appointment as a member of the Board if they—

- (a) are a Kenyan citizen;
- (b) possess relevant professional qualifications and experience in the field of disaster management, finance, strategic management, public administration, health sciences, communication, security, or any other related field; and
- (c) demonstrates compliance with the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

#### **Functions of the Board**

15. The Board shall include—

- (a) provide overall strategic and policy direction for the Authority;
- (b) exercise general oversight over the operations and performance of the Authority;
- (c) ensure compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory frameworks;

- (d) oversee the management, control, and administration of the human resources and other assets of the Authority in a manner that promotes its objectives and sustainability;
- (e) approve financial plans and determine provisions for capital and recurrent expenditure, including the establishment of reserves;
- (f) oversee the licensing and accreditation of emergency service providers in accordance with prescribed standards and guidelines;
- (g) promote effective communication and collaboration with stakeholders; and
- (h) facilitate strategic partnerships and cooperation with other entities, in furtherance of the functions of the Authority.

#### **Powers of the Board**

16. The Board shall have power to—

- (a) approve policies and strategic plans for the Authority;
- (b) ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and good governance principles;
- (c) approve the Authority budget and oversee financial and asset management;
- (d) open and operate bank accounts in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 (No. 18 of 2012); and
- (e) delegate any of its powers or functions, subject to this Act, as it considers necessary.

#### **Tenure of office**

17. The Chairperson and members of the Board, other than *ex officio* members, shall serve for an initial term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further and final term of three years.

#### **Procedures of the Board**

18. The Board shall—

- (a) meet at least once every quarter, and the Chairperson may convene a special meeting whenever necessary or as otherwise determined one-third of its members;
- (b) be duly constituted for the transaction of business if the number of members present is more than half of the total membership;

- (c) make decisions by a simple majority, and the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie;
- (d) regulate its own procedure, including the establishment of committees and delegation of its functions;
- (e) invite co-opted members to attend meetings for advisory purposes only; and
- (f) ensure that a member does not participate in deliberations or decision making where such member has an interest in a matter before the Board.

### **Vacation of office**

19. (1) The office of a Board member shall become vacant if the member—

- (a) submits a formal resignation letter to the Chairman of the Board, and the appointing authority accepts it;
- (b) dies;
- (c) is found, in accordance with the law, to have contravened Chapter Six of the Constitution;
- (d) is declared bankrupt by a competent court;
- (e) is convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of six (6) months or more;
- (f) is unable to perform duties due to physical or mental incapacity; or
- (g) absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without reasonable grounds.

### **Appointment of Managing Director**

20. (1) There shall be a Managing Director who shall be, competitively recruited and appointed by the Board on terms prescribed by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, or as otherwise determined by the Board.

(2) The Managing Director shall be the head of the Authority.

(3) A person is eligible for appointment as Managing Director if they—

- (a) a Kenyan Citizen;
- (b) holds a Master's degree from a recognized University;

- (c) holds a Bachelor's Degree in disaster management, finance, strategic management, Economics, Law, public administration, health sciences, communication, security, or any other related field from a recognized university.
- (d) has demonstrated extensive experience of not less than ten years in management, administration, or a related field;
- (e) satisfy the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and
- (f) satisfies any other qualifications prescribed by the Board or relevant laws.

### **Term of office of the Managing Director**

21. The Managing Director shall hold office for an initial term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further and final term of three years.

### **Functions of the Managing Director**

22. (1) The Managing Director shall—

- (a) manage the day-to-day affairs of the Authority;
- (b) implement the strategic plans and objectives approved by the Board;
- (c) manage funds, property, and human resources;
- (d) ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- (e) maintain effective liaison and partnerships with stakeholders;
- (f) submit periodic reports to the Board and relevant authorities; and
- (g) perform any other function assigned by the Board or conferred by this Act.

(2) The Managing Director shall not—

- (a) engage in any other gainful employment or business that conflicts with the mandate of the Authority; or
- (b) hold any other public office without the approval of the Board.

(3) The terms and conditions of service of the Managing Director and the staff of the Authority shall be determined by the Board, in consultation with the relevant public institutions, and in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.

### **Vacancy in the Office of the Managing Director**

23. (1) The office of the Managing Director shall become vacant if the holder—

- (a) dies;
- (b) resigns in writing to the Board;
- (c) is removed from office in accordance with section 24;
- (d) is unable to perform the functions of the office by reason of physical or mental infirmity; or
- (e) the term of office expires.

### **Removal from Office**

24. (1) The Managing Director may be removed from office by the Board on the grounds of—

- (a) gross violation of the Constitution or any other written law
- (b) gross misconduct;
- (c) conviction of a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding six (6) months;
- (d) bankruptcy; or
- (e) inability to perform the functions of the office due to physical or mental incapacity.

(2) The Board shall, before removal, accord the Managing Director a fair hearing in accordance with the Constitution and the Fair Administrative Action Act, 2015 (No. 4 of 2015) and any other written law.

## **PART III— COUNTY DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

### **County Disaster and Emergency Management Plan**

25. (1) The Authority shall develop and maintain the County Disaster and Emergency Management Plan.

- (2) The Plan shall provide for—
- (a) mechanisms for disaster and emergency risk assessment and identification;
  - (b) prevention and mitigation measures;
  - (c) detailed operational protocols for emergency and disaster response;
  - (d) procedures for post-disaster recovery, rehabilitation, and long-term reconstruction; and
  - (e) roles, responsibilities, and coordination mechanisms for all stakeholders.

### **County Contingency Plan**

26. (1) The Authority shall develop and maintain the County Contingency Plan.

- (2) The Plan shall provide for—
- (a) identification of specific hazards and their potential impacts;
  - (b) immediate mitigation and preparedness measures;
  - (c) resource requirements, including stockpiles, and deployment mechanisms;
  - (d) communication and early warning protocols; and
  - (e) clear command and coordination procedures.

### **Plan Development, Review, and Alignment**

27. The Authority shall develop and maintain the Plans and, in doing so, shall—

- (a) ensure broad stakeholder consultation and participation;
- (b) apply evidence-based and data-driven approaches;
- (c) ensure adaptability and scalability across all administrative units;
- (d) review and update the Plans at least once every three years or as required; and
- (e) ensure alignment with national disaster and emergency management frameworks, regional, and international obligations.

## **PART IV—DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS**

### **Emergency Co-ordination Infrastructure**

28. (1) The Authority shall establish and maintain—

- (a) a Dispatch Center to receive and prioritize emergency calls, dispatch responders, and activate the Emergency Operations Center; and
- (b) an Emergency Operations Center to strategically coordinate multi-agency disaster and emergency operations.

(2) The facilities established under subsection (1) shall operate on a 24-hour basis.

(3) The Authority shall develop protocols for the activation and operation of the facilities.

### **Emergency Response Units**

29. (1) The Authority shall maintain trained and equipped units

(2) The units shall respond to—

- (a) fire suppression and rescue;
- (b) search and rescue operations;
- (c) emergency medical response;
- (d) water rescue operations;
- (e) hazardous materials incidents; and
- (f) any other emergency response activities as may be determined by the Board.

(3) The emergency response units shall operate on a 24-hour basis.

(4) The Authority shall ensure the safety, welfare, and readiness of response personnel through—

- (a) continuous training and capacity building;
- (b) use of innovative technology; and
- (c) provision of psychosocial support services.

### **Community Emergency Response teams**

30. (1) The Authority shall establish and coordinate community-based emergency response teams.

(2) The Community emergency response teams shall—

- (a) promote community disaster preparedness and awareness;
- (b) provide immediate first-response assistance during incidents; and
- (c) support post-incident recovery efforts.

(2) The Authority shall—

- (a) train and build capacity of community responders; and
- (b) develop a volunteer management framework.

### **Coordination and Information Management**

31. (1) The Authority shall—

- (a) adopt an Incident Command System for structured inter-agency coordination; and
- (b) establish a disaster and emergency management information system for reporting, public alerts, and operational monitoring.

## **PART V— DISASTER MANAGEMENT FUND**

### **Disaster Management Fund**

**32.** (1) The County Executive Committee Member for Finance shall, pursuant to Section 116 of the Public Finance Management Act, establish a public fund and its regulations to be known as the Nairobi County Disaster Management Fund.

(2) The purpose of the Fund shall be to mobilize and manage financial resources for efficient and effective disaster and emergency management within the County until such a time that the Authority attains self-sustainability.

### **Complementarity with County Emergency Fund**

**33.** (1) The Fund established under this Act shall operate in complementarity with the County Emergency Fund established under the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 and any other applicable legislation.

(2) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or override the mandate and operation of the County Emergency Fund.

(3) The Authority shall collaborate with the County Treasury to ensure coordinated resource mobilization and disbursement in response to emergencies.

(4) Where necessary, the Authority may request the County Executive Committee Member responsible for finance to authorize disbursement from the County Emergency Fund in accordance with applicable law.

## **PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

### **Penalties for non-compliance**

**34.** (1) Any person or entity that contravenes this Act, any regulation, or any lawful direction or order issued under this Act commits an offence.

(2) Where no specific penalty is provided—

- (a) for a first offence, the offender is liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings (ksh. 500,000) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both;

(b) for a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding one million shillings (KSh. 1,000,000) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or both.

(3) A body corporate that commits an offence under this Act is liable to a fine not exceeding three million shillings (KSh. 3,000,000).

(4) The court may order a convicted person to take necessary action to remedy the non-compliance.

### **General Offences**

**35.** A person commits an offense if they—

- (a) obstruct or interfere with the lawful duties of emergency responders;
- (b) tamper with or misuse emergency equipment or infrastructure;
- (c) provide false or malicious emergency reports or alerts;
- (d) Fail to comply with lawful evacuation orders;
- (e) fail to install or maintain mandatory fire safety equipment in premises or vessels;
- (f) handle hazardous materials without the requisite authorization or compliance;
- (g) operate a business without a valid fire safety certificate;
- (h) obstruct emergency exits in high-risk premises;
- (i) misappropriate disaster relief funds or aid;
- (j) solicit or accept bribes to evade disaster or emergency regulations;
- (k) fail to comply with disaster and emergency management measures.

### **Offences by Officers of the Authority**

**36.** An officer of the Authority commits an offence if they—

- (a) engage in corruption, including bribery or solicitation;
- (b) misappropriate or embezzle disaster relief funds or resources;
- (c) issue fraudulent approvals or certificates;
- (d) use Authority resources for personal gain;
- (e) collude with third parties to exploit emergency resources;
- (f) unlawfully disclose confidential Authority information;

- (g) fail to conduct legally required safety inspections; or
- (h) willfully delay or neglect duties.

### **General Penalty**

37. Notwithstanding other laws, a person who commits an offence under this Act for which no specific penalty is provided is liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one million shillings (KSh. 1,000,000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years, or to both.

### **Power to Enforce**

38. The Authority has the power to enforce the provisions of this Act.

### **Delegation of Power**

39. The Authority may delegate any of its powers to officers designated under this Act, except the power of delegation.

### **Power to Obtain Information**

40. (1) The Authority or an authorized officer may request information or documents to fulfill its functions.

(2) A person who provides false or misleading information commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings (KSh. 100,000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months, or to both.

### **Powers to access water points**

41. (1) An authorized officer may, in the discharge of emergency response duties—

- (a) access and use any public or private water source to refill fire engines or emergency response vehicles; and
- (b) enter any premises where such water sources are located, with or without prior notice.

(2) Where private water sources are used under subsection (1), the Authority shall reimburse the equivalent volume of water consumed within forty-eight hours of such use.

### **Right of Entry and Inspection**

42. (1) An officer authorized by the Authority may, at reasonable hours, enter any workplace, building, or vessel to inspect, investigate, or enforce provisions of this Act.

(2) An authorized officer shall, upon request, present his or her official identification before exercising the power of entry under subsection (1).

### **Prohibition Orders and Improvement Notices**

43. (1) Where non-compliance with the provisions of this Act is found in any workplace, building, or premise, an authorized officer may issue—

- (a) an improvement notice, specifying the required actions and a deadline for compliance; or
- (b) a prohibition order, prohibiting the continued use of the workplace, building, or premise.

(2) Any decision made under subsection (1) shall adhere to the principles of fairness and efficiency.

### **Issuance and Service of Notices**

44. (1) Any notice, order, or document required to be issued under this Act shall be—

- (a) in writing or print; and
- (b) authenticated by the competent authorizing officer.

(2) Notices and documents under this Act may be served by—

- (a) Personal delivery to the recipient;
- (b) Delivery via post to the last known address; or
- (c) Electronic delivery.

(3) If the recipient cannot be located after reasonable efforts, service of the notice shall be deemed sufficient if the notice is—

- (a) given to an adult at the relevant premises; or
- (b) affixed in a visible location on the property.

### **Indemnity for Officers**

45. An officer or person acting under the Authorities direction is not personally liable for any act or omission done in good faith for the purpose of executing this Act.

### **Repeal and Savings**

46. (1) The enactment of this Act repeals the Nairobi City Disaster and Emergency Management Act of 2015.

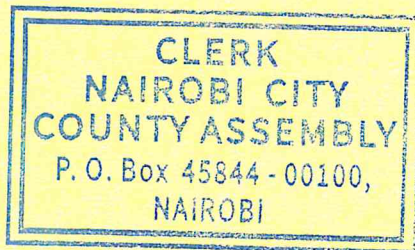
(2) Notwithstanding the repeal, all regulations, rules, and orders made under the repealed Act shall remain in force until revoked or replaced under this Act.

### **Transitional Provisions**

47. The County shall review and align all administrative structures and frameworks with the provisions of this Act within twelve (12) months of its commencement.

### **Commencement**

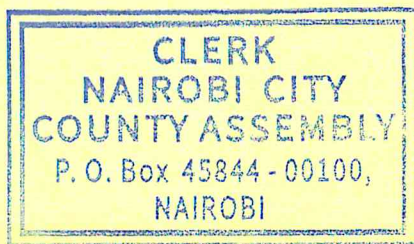
48. This Act shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the *Kenya Gazette*.



**SCHEDULE 1 —COORDINATION WITH KEY  
STAKEHOLDERS**

**Coordination Mandate of the Authority**

1. The Authority shall—
  - (a) serve as the lead agency for emergency and disaster management in the County, unless the scale of the disaster requires otherwise;
  - (b) collaborate with state and non-state actors to issue early warnings, ensure security, mobilize resources, and coordinate response; and
  - (c) ensure strategic prepositioning of resources for timely disaster response; and
  - (d) coordinate public communication and media strategies during and after incidents.



**SCHEDULE 2 — PLANS, PROTOCOLS, AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

**Disaster Management Plans**

1. (1) The Authority shall develop and implement—

- (a) County Disaster and Emergency Management Plan
- (b) County Disaster and Emergency Management Contingency Plan

(2) The Authority shall provide guidance for the development of sector- or area-specific disaster management plans.

(3) The plans developed under this Section shall be reviewed and updated periodically or immediately after a major incident, as determined by the Board.

**Emergency Response Protocols**

2. The Authority shall develop and maintain the following protocols—

- (a) Incident Command and Coordination;
- (b) Evacuation and Shelter;
- (c) Fire and Hazardous Materials;
- (d) Search and Rescue; and
- (e) Emergency Medical Evacuation.

**Standard Operating Procedures**

3. The Authority shall develop and maintain comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures for all protocols under Section 2, providing clear guidance for personnel actions, resource deployment, and documentation.



**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The main object of this Bill is to provide for a framework for the implementation of Part 2(2) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya, to emergencies and disasters within Nairobi City County, to establish the Disaster Management Authority and for connected purposes.

**PART I** provides for preliminary and general principal matters.

**PART II** provides for the establishment and administration of institutional framework for Disaster and Emergency.

**PART III** provides for the establishment of the County Disaster and Emergency Management Plan.

**PART IV** provides for Disaster and Emergency Management operations.

**PART V** provides for Disaster Management Fund.

**PART VI** provides for miscellaneous matters.

Dated the 13th March, 2026.

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