

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS

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7-101. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of commissioners. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies purchased by or through the town and shall be and remain the property of the town. The volunteer fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the city manager and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the city manager shall appoint. (1980 Code, § 7-301)

¹Charter references

For detailed charter provisions governing the operation of the fire department, see Tennessee Code Annotated, title 6, chapter 21, part 7. For specific provisions in part 7 related to the following subjects, see the sections indicated.

Fire chief

Appointment: § 6-21-701.

Duties: § 6-21-702.

Emergency: § 6-21-703.

Fire marshal: § 6-21-704

Firemen

Appointment: § 6-21-701.

Emergency powers: § 6-21-703.

Municipal code reference

Special privileges with respect to traffic: title 15, chapter 2.

7-102. Objectives. The volunteer fire department shall have as its objectives:

- (1) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (2) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable. (1980 Code, § 7-302)

7-103. Organization, rules, and regulations. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make definite assignments to individuals, and shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the volunteer fire department. (1980 Code, § 7-303)

7-104. Records and reports. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the city manager once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1980 Code, § 7-304)

7-105. Tenure of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the city manager. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend any other member of the volunteer fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days or dismissed by the city manager (1981 Code, § 7-305)

7-106. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the volunteer fire department. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1981 Code, § 7-306)

7-107. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the chief of the volunteer fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and banking and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by Tennessee Code Annotated, title 68, chapter 102, and shall be subject to the directions of the fire prevention commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1980 Code, § 7-308)