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7-201. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of mayor and aldermen. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be 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 board of mayor and aldermen and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 1]

7-202. 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. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 2]

7-203. 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. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 3]

7-204. 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 mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 4]

7-205. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the board of mayor and aldermen. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge 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 by the mayor but may be dismissed only by the board of mayor and aldermen.

All personnel of the volunteer fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time prescribe. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 5]

7-206. 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 department. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 6]

7-207. Use of equipment outside corporate limits.<sup>1</sup> Equipment of the volunteer fire department may be used outside the corporate limits in all reasonable circumstances.

7-208. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of section 53-2408 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the chief of the volunteer fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by chapter 24 of title 53 of said Tennessee Code Annotated, and shall be subject to the directions of the insurance commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. [Ord. of Jun. 11, 1979, § 8]

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<sup>1</sup>See § 8A of the town's charter.