

**TITLE 7****FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS<sup>1</sup>****CHAPTER**

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**CHAPTER 1****FIRE DISTRICT****SECTION**

7-101. Fire limits described.

**7-101. Fire limits described.** The corporate fire limits shall be as follows: within the corporate limits and within a radius of five (5) miles from said corporate limits; provided, however, that at the discretion of the fire chief, fire departments from other municipalities which so request may be assisted as may be appropriate. (1974 Code, § 7-101)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference  
Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

## CHAPTER 2

### FIRE CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

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**7-201. Fire code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the Standard Fire Prevention Code,<sup>2</sup> 1999 edition, as recommended by the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Pursuant to the requirement of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the fire prevention code has been filed with the city recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

(1974 Code, § 7-201, modified; Amended 12/17/2002)

**7-202. Enforcement.** The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal.

(1974 Code, § 7-202)

**7-203. Definition of "municipality."** Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.

(1974 Code, § 7-203)

**7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.** The following regulations shall be applied regarding the storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code are available from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc., 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

- (a) The limits referred to in § 1901.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosive materials is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
  - (b) The limits referred to in § 902.1.1 of the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
  - (c) The limits referred to in § 906.1 of the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
  - (d) The limits referred to in § 1701.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby declared to be the fire district as set out in § 7-101 of this code.
- (1974 Code, § 7-204, modified)

**7-205. Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area or school zone at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

(1974 Code, § 7-205, Amended 06/19/2001)

**7-206. Variances.** The chief of the fire department may recommend to the governing body variances from the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by any property owner or lessee, or the duly authorized agent of either, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The particulars of such variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the governing body.

(1974 Code, § 7-206)

**7-207. False fire alarms.** Each parcel of property within the corporate city limits of Greenfield shall be allowed three (3) false alarms per calendar year without charge. Upon the departure of the fire truck from its bay at the fire station to answer each false alarm after three (3), the owner of the property shall be charged a fee equal to the expended labor and materials to respond to said alarm. Said expended labor and materials shall be calculated beginning with the time the false alarm was received by the dispatcher and shall end at the time the fire equipment is returned to its original stored location.

(Adopted 12/17/2002)

**7-208. Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the Standard Fire Prevention Code herein adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the governing body or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed

herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the municipal code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.  
(1974 Code, § 7-207)

## CHAPTER 3

### FIRE DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-302. Objectives.
- 7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-304. Records and reports.
- 7-305. Tenure and compensation of members.
- 7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

**7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.** There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the governing body. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the city and shall be and remain the property of the city. The fire department shall be composed of a chief and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint.  
(1974 Code, § 7-301, Amended 06/19/2001)

**7-302. Objectives.** The fire department shall have as its objectives:

- (a) To prevent uncontrolled fires from starting.
- (b) To prevent the loss of life and property because of fires.
- (c) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (d) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (e) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.
- (f) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.

(1974 Code, § 7-302)

**7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.** The chief of the 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 fire department. The fire chief, fire officers, and all other firefighters shall follow the city personnel policy and other relevant procedures as adopted by the city.  
(1974 Code, § 7-303, Amended 06/19/2001)

**7-304. Records and reports.** The chief of the 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.  
(1974 Code, § 7-304)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

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

**7-305. Tenure and compensation of members.** The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the governing body. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the 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 governing body.

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the governing body may from time to time prescribe.  
(1974 Code, § 7-305)

**7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.** The chief of the fire department, shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department. The fire chief shall appoint personnel to training, station duty, equipment checks, fire hydrant maintenance, fire prevention safety, and other job assignments. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel train not less than four hours per month in accordance with Insurance Service Organization (I.S.O.) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) training acts.  
(1974 Code, § 7-306, Amended 06/19/2001)

**7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.** Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of commerce and insurance 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.  
(1974 Code, § 7-308)

## CHAPTER 4

### FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

#### SECTION

- 7-401. Contract for out of town fire service.
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- 7-404. Existing ordinances to remain in effect.
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- 7-406. Authority to dispatch fire equipment.
- 7-407. Mutual aid fire protection with interlocal cooperation agreement.
- 7-408. Person responsible for fire related charges.

**7-401. Contract for out of town fire service.** Requests for out-of-town fire calls will be answered only at locations where the owner of the property or the tenant occupying the property has previously entered into a contract with the City of Greenfield and paid the required annual fee as set out in this chapter.  
(Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)

**7-402. Annual fee.** The annual fee to be paid by owners or tenants is hereby set at the sum of fifty and no/100 dollars (\$50.00) per year (with the "year" to begin on February 1st and end on January 31st of each year beginning with the year 2002). This annual fee is to be paid at the time the contract (which is further described in the following section of this chapter) is first entered into.  
(Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993; Amended 06/19/2001)

**7-403. Mayor authorized to enter into contracts for service.** The mayor is authorized to enter into contracts with owners and tenants for answering fire calls within the appropriate territory surrounding Greenfield, the provisions of such contracts to be uniform with all owners and tenants.  
(Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)

**7-404. Existing ordinances to remain in effect.** Nothing in this chapter shall operate to change or repeal existing ordinances which provide that a charge be levied when response is actually made and equipment is sent to an out-of-town fire call. Such ordinances are to remain in full force, and the fee schedule provided for in such ordinances is to remain in effect until specifically amended by this board.  
(Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)

**7-405. Existing agreements unaffected.** Nothing in this chapter shall affect in any way the existing agreements with other municipalities or rural fire departments for furnishing mutual aid when requested; nor shall this chapter prevent the amendment of any such mutual aid agreements or the entering of other mutual aid agreements.  
(Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993)

**7-406. Authority to dispatch fire equipment.** The mayor, the fire chief, deputy fire chief, or the assistant fire chief shall have the authority to dispatch fire fighting equipment to locations which are outside the corporate limits and not covered by any contract when human life is threatened or when other circumstances are such that in their judgement it is appropriate to answer a particular fire call outside the municipality.

((Adopted 11/03/1992; Effective 02/01/1993; Amended 06/19/2001))

**7-407. Mutual aid fire protection with interlocal cooperation agreement.** The following regulations shall be applied regarding mutual aid fire protection agreements:

- (a) The Mayor of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, is authorized and empowered to enter into "Mutual Aid Fire Protection Interlocal Cooperation Agreements" on behalf of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee.
- (b) The Mayor of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, is designated and directed to be the official representative of the City of Greenfield, Tennessee, to the joint board created to carry out the powers of such agreement as provided therein.

(Adopted 06/26/1979; Effective 07/06/1979)

**7-408. Person responsible for fire related charges.** The response of the City of Greenfield Fire Department to a fire call outside the corporate city limits (whether that fire call is an actual emergency situation or a false fire alarm) shall be charged to the owner of the parcel of property or his homeowner's insurance company as stated in the contract entered by the city and said owner.

(Adopted 12/17/2002)



## CHAPTER 5

### FIREWORKS

#### SECTION

- 7-501. Use of fireworks within the city.
- 7-502. The sale and storage of fireworks.
- 7-503. Age requirement.
- 7-504. Proximity to business.
- 7-505. Motor vehicles and groups.
- 7-506. Violation and penalty.

**7-501. Use of fireworks within the city.** It shall be unlawful to explode fireworks between the hours of 10:00 o'clock P.M. and 9:00 A.M., prevailing time, within the City of Greenfield and only on January 1st and 2nd, June 20th through 30th, July 1st through 7th, and December 25th, 30th, and 31st of each year. The exploding of fireworks at times or dates other than those listed requires a written permit from the City of Greenfield.  
(Adopted 09/01/1992; Amended 12/17/2002)

**7-502. The sale and storage of fireworks.** Any merchant or business selling or storing fireworks must obtain a city business license and county license and a state fireworks permit from the Department of Commerce and Insurance / State Fire Marshall's office. The business owners are subject to inspections by the fire chief or fire marshall (or his assistant) and zoning officer.  
(Adopted 06/19/2001)

**7-503. Age requirement.** It shall be unlawful for a person under the age of sixteen (16) to explode fireworks without the supervision of a competent adult.  
(Adopted 12/17/2002)

**7-504. Proximity to business.** It shall be unlawful for a person on public property to explode fireworks within three hundred (300) feet of a business.  
(Adopted 12/17/2002)

**7-505. Motor vehicles and groups.** It shall be unlawful for a person to explode or allow a passenger in his vehicle to explode fireworks from a vehicle or for a person to explode a firework near or toward any person or group.  
(Adopted 12/17/2002)

**7-506. Violation and penalty.** Persons exploding fireworks in violation of this chapter shall be subject to punishment by fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) per offense.  
(Adopted 09/01/1992; Amended 12/17/2002)