

**TITLE 7****FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS****CHAPTER**

1. FIRE CODE.
2. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

**CHAPTER 1****FIRE CODE**<sup>1</sup>**SECTION**

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**7-101. Fire code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 6-54-501 to 6-54-506, and for the purpose of providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations, the *International Fire Code*,<sup>2</sup> 2015 edition, and NFPA 101 Life Safety Code,<sup>3</sup> 2021 edition, and all subsequent amendments or additions to said code, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code as fully as if copied herein verbatim, and is hereinafter referred to as the fire code. Said fire code is shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

**7-102. Enforcement.** The fire 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code (and any amendments) are available from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

<sup>3</sup>Copies of this code may be purchased from the National Fire Protection Association, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

**7-103. Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

**7-104. Variances.** The chief of the fire department may recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen variances from the provisions of the fire 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 board of mayor and aldermen.

**7-105. Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of the *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the fire code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

**7-106. Violations and penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the fire code as herein adopted by reference and modified. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty under the general penalty provision of this code. Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

## CHAPTER 2

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### SECTION

7-201. Establishment and membership.

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**7-201. Establishment and membership.** A volunteer fire department is established for the City of Rutledge, Tennessee. It shall consist of a fire chief, two (2) assistants and not less than twenty (20) firefighters and truck drivers, the same to be appointed or designated by the city manager to serve at the will of the said manager. (1996 Code, § 7-101)

**7-202. Fire chief to be responsible for department.** Fire protection shall be under the supervision of the fire chief, who shall be responsible for the operation, care, and maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department for the prevention and extinguishment of fires and the protection of life and property against fire. (1996 Code, § 7-102)

**7-203. Firefighters power to remove or destroy property.** During the progress of any fire, the firefighters shall have the power to remove or destroy any property necessary to prevent the further spread of fire. (1996 Code, § 7-103)

**7-204. Powers and authority of firefighters.** The firefighters shall have the same powers and authority as police officers of the city while going to, attending, and returning from a fire, and enforcing parking prohibition relating to fire hydrants. (1996 Code, § 7-104)