

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

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**CHAPTER 1****IN GENERAL****SECTION**

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- 7-104. Use of fire equipment outside corporate limits.

**7-101. Fire district.** The fire limits shall be and include all property within the corporate limits.

**7-102. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc.** The storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited within the corporate limits.

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

**7-104. Use of fire equipment outside corporate limits.** Except for a mutual aid request or through interlocal agreement, no equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire, or providing any emergency response or other emergency service, outside the corporate limits unless the response is to city property, or unless, when in the opinion of the chief of the fire department, that such fire is in such proximity to property owned by or located within the city so as to endanger the city property.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

## CHAPTER 2

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

#### SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Modifications.
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- 7-204. Amendments.
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**7-201. Fire code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, §§ 6-54-501--6-54-506, the International Fire Code,<sup>2</sup> 2012 edition, and Appendices B, D, E, F, G, H and I thereto, as prepared and published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the fire code.

**7-202. Modifications.** (1) Definitions. Whenever the fire code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" it shall be deemed a reference to the city manager. Whenever the fire code refers to the "Fire Code Official," it shall be deemed a reference to such person as the city manager shall have appointed or designated to administer and enforce the provisions of the fire code.

(2) Modifications and insertions. The following modifications and insertions are made to the fire code:

- 101.1 Title - Insert "City of St. Joseph Tennessee"
- 103 Department of Fire Prevention - Delete
- 104.6 Official records- Revise the second sentence to read: "Such official records shall be retained as required by law."
- 105.3.1 Expiration - Delete the second and third sentences in their entirety
- 105.3.2 Extensions - Delete
- 109.4 Violation penalties - Delete
- 111.4 Failure to comply - Delete

**7-203. Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

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

**7-204. Amendments.** In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502(c), the city manager, as the municipal code administrative official, shall adopt administrative regulations to incorporate subsequent changes and amendments to the fire code as prepared and published from time to time by the International Code Council. These amendments shall be identified by the city manager as to date and source and shall take effect as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502(d), unless disapproved by resolution of the board of commissioners.

**7-205. 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.

## CHAPTER 3

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### SECTION

- 7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-302. Objectives.
- 7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-304. Records and reports.
- 7-305. Compensation.
- 7-306. Training and maintenance.
- 7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

**7-301. 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 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 appointed by the city manager and such number of subordinate officers and firefighters as the city manager shall appoint.

**7-302. 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.
- (7) To provide emergency medical care at the highest level that the equipment and training of the personnel makes practicable.
- (8) To provide code enforcement and building inspections as directed by the city within adopted codes and ordinances.
- (9) To serve as the emergency management agency of the city.
- (10) To protect the health and safety of the citizens from the transportation, storage, or manufacture of hazardous materials to the extent possible that the level of equipment and training will allow.
- (11) To work with the water department to insure that adequate water supplies for fire protection are available.
- (12) To provide public fire and life safety education materials and information to the citizens in order that they may protect themselves from harm and reduce the risk of fire in the community.

**7-303. 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 formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the volunteer fire department, under the direction of the city manager.

**7-304. 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 such written reports on those matters to the city manager as the city manager shall require. The city manager shall submit a report on those matters as the board of commissioners may require.

**7-305. Compensation.** All personnel of the volunteer fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of commissioners shall prescribe.

**7-306. Training and maintenance.** The chief of the fire department shall be responsible for the training of firemen, and for the maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the city manager.

**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 commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof.