

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION

7-101. Fire district described.

7-101. Fire district described. The corporate fire district shall be as follows: the Central Business District. (1990 Code, § 7-101)

¹Municipal code references

Fire chief's authority to issue citations in lieu of arrest for violations of the fire code: title 6, chapter 3.

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CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

¹The Town of Tracy City enforces the provisions of the State of Tennessee's current version of the fire code.

CHAPTER 3

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations of the board of mayor and aldermen. Any funds raised by the volunteer fire department as a whole, or by any individual or group of volunteer fire fighters in the name of the volunteer fire department, and any gifts to the volunteer fire department shall be turned over to and become the property of the town, and the town shall use such funds in the equipping of the volunteer fire department. All other apparatus, equipment, and supplies of the volunteer fire department 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 fire fighters as the fire chief shall appoint, subject to approval by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1990 Code, § 7-301)

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; and
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable. (1990 Code, § 7-302)

7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make

¹Municipal code reference

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

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, under such rules and regulations as the board of mayor and aldermen may prescribe. (1990 Code, § 7-303)

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 mayor or to the board of mayor and aldermen as they may require. (1990 Code, § 7-304)

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The fire 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 fire 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. (1990 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 fire fighters and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1990 Code, § 7-306)

7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 68-17-108, the fire chief is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, title 68, chapter 17, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1990 Code, § 7-307)

CHAPTER 4**FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS****SECTION**

7-401. Equipment and personnel to be used only within town limits.

7-401. Equipment and personnel to be used only within town limits. No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless the fire is on town property or, in the opinion of the chief of the fire department, is in such hazardous proximity to property owned by or located within the town as to endanger the town property.

CHAPTER 5

**REGULATION OF USE OF TOWN WATER BY THE
FIRE DEPARTMENT****SECTION**

7-501. Use of town water.

7-502. Violations and penalty.

7-501. Use of town water. It shall be a civil offense for employees of the Town of Tracy City to use or otherwise expend, or permit to be used or otherwise expended by any other person, from the town's firefighting equipment town water for any purpose other than for the prevention and suppression of fires, for other emergencies where it is clear that the use of water would help alleviate the emergency for legitimate fire and other emergency prevention and suppression training purposes, and for the care, cleaning and maintenance of town property. (1990 Code, § 4-401)

7-502. Violations and penalty. Any town employee violating this chapter shall be subject to immediate discipline, including termination, according to the personnel rules and procedures of the town. (1990 Code, § 4-402, modified)