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7-101. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc. The storage of explosives and blasting agents at any location within the corporate limits is prohibited.

The bulk storage of liquified petroleum gas at any location within the corporate limits is prohibited. (1993 Code, § 7-101)

7-102. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the corporate limits at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1993 Code, § 7-102)

7-103. Fireworks prohibited without permit. The manufacture of fireworks of any location within the corporate limits is prohibited. The storage, sale or discharge of fireworks within the corporate limits shall be prohibited without first obtaining a permit from the town recorder. (1993 Code, § 7-103)

¹Municipal code reference
Building, utility, etc. codes: § 12-101

CHAPTER 2

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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 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 firemen in the name of 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 fire department. Any and all gifts to the volunteer fire department shall be turned over to, and become the property of, the town. 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 firemen as the fire chief shall appoint. (1993 Code, § 7-201)

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. (1993 Code, § 7-202)

7-203. 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 formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the volunteer fire department. (1993 Code, § 7-203)

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 such written reports on those matters to the mayor as the mayor requires. The mayor shall submit reports on those matters to the board of mayor and aldermen, as the board of mayor and aldermen requires. (1993 Code, § 7-204)

7-205. 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 for 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. (1993 Code, § 7-205)

7-206. 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, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1993 Code, § 7-206)

7-207. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, 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 102, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1993 Code, § 7-207, modified)

CHAPTER 3

FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS¹

SECTION

7-301. Restrictions on fire service outside town limits.

7-301. Restrictions on fire service outside town limits. No personnel or equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the town limits unless the fire is on town owned property or, in the opinion of the fire chief, is in such hazardous proximity to property owned or located within the town as to endanger the town property, or unless the board of mayor and aldermen has developed policies for providing emergency services outside of the town limits or entered into a contract or mutual aid agreement.² (1993 Code, § 7-301, modified)

¹Municipal charter reference: § 18A.

²Tennessee Code Annotated, § 12-9-101, et seq., is the Interlocal Governmental Cooperation Act which authorizes municipalities and other governments to enter into mutual aid agreements of various kinds.

Tennessee Code Annotated, § 58-8-101, et seq., is the Mutual Aid and Emergency Disaster Assistance Agreement Aid of 2004 which authorizes such emergency assistance outside city limits. No contract or agreement is required under this law before emergency assistance may be provided outside municipal boundaries.

CHAPTER 4

FIRE HYDRANTS

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7-401. Volume and pressure standards. All water mains and fire hydrants installed in La Grange shall be installed in such a manner to provide adequate fire flows. All water mains shall be at least six inches (6") in diameter. However, large mains shall be installed when necessary to insure that a minimum of five hundred (500) gallons per minutes (gpm) at twenty (20) pounds per square inch (psi) residual pressure is available if the needed fire flow to structures in the area demands such additional flows. Fire hydrants shall be installed in such a manner that there shall be a fire hydrant within five hundred feet (500') of the front entrance of every structure of more than three hundred (300) square feet. The distance to the fire hydrant shall be measured along the route that would be accessible to the fire department to lay fire hose from the hydrant to the building. (Ord. #2008-01, Jan. 2008)

7-402. Fire hydrants to be color coded. The bonnets and caps of all fire hydrants in La Grange are to be painted and color coded in compliance with NFPA 291 as follows:

COLOR	CLASS	AVAILABLE FLOWS @ 20 P.S.I. RESIDUAL
Blue	AA	1,500 gpm or more
Green	B	1,000 to 1,499 gpm
Orange	B	500-999 gpm
Red	C	Below 500 gpm

The body color all fire hydrants on the La Grange municipal water system shall be chrome/silver paint. (Ord. #2008-01, Jan. 2008)

7-403. Water utility notification to fire department. On an annual basis and by certified mail, the La Grange Water Department shall provide written notification to the fire chief that hydrants with tops painted red cannot be connected directly to a pumper fire truck. The cover letter shall include a complete listing of all Class C fire hydrants in La Grange and shall contain at

least the following words, "The attached list of fire hydrants has been found to have inadequate fire flows and shall not be used by the fire department for pumping operations except in the event of immediate and imminent threat of life safety." A copy of such letter shall be distributed to the mayor. (Ord. #2008-01, Jan. 2008)

7-404. Filling of booster tanks from hydrants. The fire department shall be allowed to fill the booster tanks of any fire apparatus from an available Class C hydrant by using the water system's available pressure only (that is, fire pumps shall not be engaged during refilling operations from a Class C hydrant). (Ord. #2008-01, Jan. 2008)