

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

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7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be and include all the area within the corporate limits which is zoned as the "general business district." (1975 Code, § 7-101)

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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 Fire Prevention Code (NFPA No. 1),² 1992 edition, as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, 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. The Fire Prevention Code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits. (1975 Code, § 7-201, as amended by Ord. #540, March 1991, modified)

7-202. Enforcement. The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. (1975 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 LaFollette. (1975 Code, § 7-203)

7-204. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc. The limits referred to in § 1901.4.2 and § 902.1.1 of the fire prevention code, in which

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

²Copies of this code are available from the National Fire Protection Association, Inc., 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269-9101.

storage of explosive materials and storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code. (1975 Code, § 7-204)

7-205. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within any business or residential district at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1975 Code, § 7-205)

7-206. Modifications. The chief of the fire department may recommend to the city council modifications 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 modifications when granted or allowed shall be contained in an amendment to this code or a resolution of the city council. (1975 Code, § 7-206)

7-207. 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 city council of the city or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the city code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1975 Code, § 7-207)

CHAPTER 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the city council. 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 commissioner of public safety shall appoint and the city council shall approve. (1975 Code, § 7-301)

7-302. Objectives. The 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. (1975 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. (1975 Code, § 7-303)

7-304. Records and reports. The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel,

¹Municipal code reference

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

and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the commissioner of public safety once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1975 Code, § 7-304)

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief and all other members of the fire department shall hold office so long as their conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the commissioner of public safety.

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the city council may from time to time prescribe. (1975 Code, § 7-305)

7-306. Chief responsible for training. The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen, and the minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1975 Code, § 7-306)

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. (1975 Code, § 7-308)

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

7-401. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits.

7-401. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits. No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless expressly authorized by the city council in writing.¹ (1975 Code, § 7-307)

¹See Ord. #419, of record in the city clerk's office, for authority of the fire department to provide fire protection for the county high school.

CHAPTER 5

FIREWORKS

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7-501. Definition. "Fireworks" shall mean and include any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, or toy guns in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, Daygo bombs, sparklers, or other devices of like construction and any devices containing any explosive or flammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, except that the term "fireworks" shall not include auto flares, paper caps containing not in excess of an average of twenty-five hundredths of a grain of explosive content per cap, and toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices for use of such caps, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times. (1975 Code, § 7-401)

7-502. Manufacture, sale and discharge of fireworks. (1) The manufacture of fireworks is prohibited within the city.

(2) Except as hereinafter provided it shall be unlawful for any person to store, to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks; provided that the recorder shall have power to grant permits for supervised public displays of fireworks by the city, fair associations, amusement parks, and other organizations. Every such display shall be handled by a competent operator approved by the chief of the fire department of the city, and shall be of such a character, and be so located, discharged or fired as in the opinion of the chief of the fire department, after proper inspection, shall not be hazardous to property or dangerous to any person.

(3) Applications for permits shall be made in writing in advance of the date of the display. After such privilege shall have been granted, the sale, possession, use and distribution of fireworks for such display shall be lawful for

that purpose only. No permit granted hereunder shall be transferable. (1975 Code, § 7-402)

7-503. Bond for fireworks display required. The permittee shall furnish a bond in an amount deemed adequate by the recorder for the payment of all damages which may be caused either to a person or persons or to property by reason of the permitted display, and arising from any acts of the permittee, his agents, employees or subcontractors. (1975 Code, § 7-403)

7-504. Disposal of unfired fireworks. Any fireworks that remain unfired after the display is concluded shall be immediately disposed of in a way safe for the particular type of fireworks remaining. (1975 Code, § 7-404)

7-505. Exceptions. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any resident wholesaler, dealer, or jobber to sell at wholesale such fireworks as are not herein prohibited; or the sale of any kind of fireworks provided the same are to be shipped directly out of the city; or the use of fireworks by railroads or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination, or the sale or use of blank cartridges for a show or theater, or for signal or ceremonial purposes in athletics or sports, or for use by military organizations. (1975 Code, § 7-405)

7-506. Seizure of fireworks. Policemen and firemen shall seize, take, remove, or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner all stocks of fireworks offered or exposed for sale, stored, or held in violation of this chapter. (1975 Code, § 7-406)