

## TITLE 7

### FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS

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### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT<sup>1</sup>

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**7-101. Establishment, equipment, and membership.** There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations of the board of commissioners. 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, and any gifts to the volunteer fire department shall be turned over to and become the property of, the city and the city 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 city and shall be and remain the property of the city. The volunteer fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the board of commissioners, and such number of subordinate officers and firemen as the fire chief shall appoint.

**7-102. 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

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

(6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.

**7-103. 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.

**7-104. 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 commissioners as they may require. requires.

**7-105. 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 commissioners.

All personnel of the volunteer fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of commissioners may from time to time prescribe.

**7-106. 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 commissioners.

**7-107. 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.

**CHAPTER 2****FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS****SECTION**

7-201. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally.

**7-201. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally.** (1) No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless such fire is on city owned 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 city as to endanger the city property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the municipal governing body.

(2) **Inapplicability.** This section shall not be deemed applicable to situations arising under mutual aid agreements<sup>1</sup> entered into between the city and any other governmental or governmentally approved entities. (1978 Code, § 7-307, as amended by Ord. #\_\_\_, March 1989)

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<sup>1</sup>Mutual aid agreements are of record in the office of the city recorder.