

TITLE 7**FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹****CHAPTER**

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CHAPTER 1**FIRE DISTRICT****SECTION**

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¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

SECTION

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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 Uniform Fire Code² (NFPA No. 1), 2003 edition, including each reference in NFPA 1, Chapter 2 (excluding NFPA 5000), 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 inspection. The Uniform Fire Code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

7-202. Modifications. The Uniform Fire Code adopted in § 7-201 above is modified by deleting therefrom section 1.10, titled Board of Appeals, in its entirety; § 7-205 below shall control appeals.

7-203. Enforcement. The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the Building Inspector of the Town of Rogersville. He shall be imbued with all powers as prescribed by statutes and regulations of the State of Tennessee. (Ord. #12-09-03-2, Feb. 2004)

7-204. Definition of "municipality." Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the Town of Rogersville, Tennessee. (1986 Code, § 7-203)

7-205. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at

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.

any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1986 Code, § 7-205)

7-206. Variances. The chief of the fire department may recommend to the board of mayor and aldermen variances 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 variances when granted or allowed shall be contained in a resolution of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1986 Code, § 7-206)

7-207. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the fire prevention code hereby 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 board of mayor and aldermen or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the municipal code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (1986 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 board of mayor and aldermen. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the town and shall be and remain the property of the town. The 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 firefighters as the chief shall recommend and the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint. (1986 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 make practicable. (1986 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 are necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department. (1986 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.

and work of the department. He shall submit a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year shall make a detailed annual report. (1986 Code, § 7-304)

7-305. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the board of mayor and aldermen. The chief, subject to approval by the board of mayor and aldermen, shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department.

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time prescribe. (1986 Code, § 7-305)

7-306. Chief responsible for training. The chief of the fire department, shall be fully responsible for the training of the fire fighters, and minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1986 Code, § 7-306)

7-307. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally. No equipment of the fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless the 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 town as to endanger such city property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1986 Code, § 7-307)

7-308. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-17-108, the chief of the fire department 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. (1986 Code, § 7-308)