

## 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 the Niota Fire Department to be supported and equipped from appropriations of the City of Niota Board of Commissioners. Any funds raised by the fire department as a whole or by any individual or group of individuals in the name of the fire department, and any gifts to the fire department shall become the property of the fire department and used by the fire department to fund various community programs. All other apparatus, equipment, and supplies of the fire department 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 fire chief, appointed by the board of commissioners, and the board of commissioners shall approve such number of subordinate officers and firefighters as the fire chief shall appoint. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_, modified)

**7-102. Objectives.** The Niota 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

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

- (3) To confine fires to their places of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To reduce morbidity and mortality from trauma, medical, and other life-threatening emergencies by providing emergency medical care at the highest level that the equipment and training of the personnel makes practical.
- (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.
- (7) To provide code enforcement and building inspections as directed by the city within adopted codes and ordinances.
- (8) To plan, prepare for, and respond to natural and man-made disasters as part of the community's emergency management plan by serving as the emergency management agency of the city, in cooperation with the county emergency management agency and TEMA.
- (9) To protect life, property, and the environment from the unintended release of chemical, biological, and radiological hazardous chemicals and substances to the extent possible that the level of equipment and training will allow.
- (10) To plan, prepare for, and respond to terrorism threats to hometown security based upon the anticipated risk to the community.
- (11) To work with the water department to ensure that adequate water supplies for fire protection are available.
- (12) To provide public fire education materials and community risk reduction information to the citizens in order that they may protect themselves from harm. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)

**7-103. Organization, rules, and regulations.** The fire chief shall, under the direction of the board of commissioners, set up the organization of the department, make work assignments to individuals, based on input, suggestions, and recommendations from the members of the fire department, and shall formulate and enforce such rules, regulations, and policies as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)

**7-104. Records and reports.** The fire chief shall prepare the annual departmental budget to be approved by the board of commissioners, keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, training, maintenance, and work of the department. The fire chief shall submit such written reports to the board of commissions, as the board requires. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)

**7-105. Tenure and compensation of members.** The fire chief shall have the authority to suspend or dismiss any other member of the fire department when the fire chief deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The mayor has the authority to discipline the fire chief. The

fire chief may be terminated with a majority plus one (1) vote of the board of mayor and commissioners. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)

All members of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of commissioners prescribes. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)

**7-106. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.** The fire chief shall be fully responsible for the training of the firefighters, for maintenance of all apparatus, property, and equipment of the fire department, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the board of commissioners. All firefighters shall comply with the minimum training requirements specified in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 4-24-112. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_, modified)

**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 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 commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)

**7-108. Fire department to respond to emergencies.** The fire department shall respond to fires and other emergencies within the town limits. Personnel and/or equipment of the fire department may be used for fighting any fire, or assisting with emergencies, outside the town limits if:

(1) The fire chief, or his representative, determines there is a need to support other local governments or agencies.

(2) The board of commissioners has developed policies for providing emergency services outside of the town limits or entered into a contract or mutual aid agreement pursuant to the authority of

(a) The Local Government Emergency Assistance Act of 1987, as amended, codified in *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 58-2-601 *et seq.*,

(b) *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 12-9-101 *et seq.* or

(c) *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 6-54-601. (Ord. #22-31,

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**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.** Fire equipment to be used primarily within the corporate city limits and as requested outside the corporate city limits with approval of the fire chief or senior fire official. Fire equipment to be used primarily within the corporate limits of the city and as requested outside the corporate limits of the city when requested to provide automatic or mutual aid. (Ord. #22-31, \_\_\_\_\_)