

**TITLE 7**

**FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS**<sup>1</sup>

**CHAPTER**

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**CHAPTER 1**

**FIRE DISTRICT**

**SECTION**

7-101. Fire limits described.

**7-101. Fire limits described.** The corporate fire limits shall be and include the area zoned and designated as central commercial, C-1. (1996 Code, § 7-101)

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

## CHAPTER 2

### FIRE CODE<sup>1</sup>

#### SECTION

- 7-201. Fire code adopted.
- 7-202. Modifications.
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- 7-204. Gasoline trucks.
- 7-205. Variances.
- 7-206. Fire hydrants, water mains.
- 7-207. Violations and penalty.

**7-201. Fire code adopted.** Pursuant to authority granted by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 6-54-501 to 6-54-506, the *International Fire Code*, 2012 edition, and Appendices B, D, E, F, G, H and I thereto, as prepared and published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code, and is hereinafter referred to as the fire code.

**7-202. Modifications.** (1) Definitions. Whenever the fire code refers to the "Chief Appointing Authority" it shall be deemed a reference to the board of mayor and aldermen. Whenever the fire code refers to the "Fire Code Official," it shall be deemed a reference to such person as the board of mayor and aldermen have appointed to administer and enforce the provisions of the fire code.

(2) Modifications and insertions. The following modifications and insertions are made to the fire code:

- 101.1 Title - Insert "Town of Petersburg Tennessee"
- 103 Department of Fire Prevention - Delete
- 104.6 Official records - Revise the second sentence to read: "Such official records shall be retained as required by law."
- 105.3.1 Expiration - Delete the second and third sentences in their entirety
- 105.3.2 Extensions - Delete
- 109.4 Violation penalties - Delete
- 111.4 Failure to comply - Delete.

**7-203. Available in recorder's office.** Pursuant to the requirements of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of the fire code has been

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Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public.

**7-204. Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within the central business district or within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1996 Code, § 7-205)

**7-205. 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. (1996 Code, § 7-206)

**7-206. Fire hydrants, water mains.** (1) NFPA 291 *Fire Flow Testing and Marking of Hydrants*, is hereby adopted by reference and incorporated into this code as if it were set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

(2) All future water mains and fire hydrants 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, larger mains shall be installed when necessary to ensure that a minimum of five hundred (500) gallons per minutes (gpm) at twenty (20) pounds per square inch (psi) residual pressure is available at all fire hydrants. Additional gallons per minute above the minimum five hundred (500) gpm shall be available if the needed fire flow to structures in the area demands such additional flows. The 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.

(3) Fire hydrants that currently exist on mains that will not flow at least five hundred (500) gallons per minute at twenty (20) pounds per square inch of pressure will not be used by the fire department for connection to the pumper connection of fire apparatus. Such fire hydrants shall be painted solid red in color to indicate to firefighters that this hydrant will not flow adequate gallons per minute to be used in firefighting operation. All such fire hydrants shall be identified by the fire chief, color coded, and a list of such fire hydrants shall be compiled and attached to a cover letter from the fire chief to the responsible water provider. The cover letter shall contain at least the following words,

"The attached list of fire hydrants have been found to have inadequate fire flows and will not be used by the fire department for pumping operations except in the event of immediate and imminent threat of life safety."

(4) Such letters shall be generated annually with a copy to the mayor.  
(Ord. #2008-1, Aug. 2008)

**7-207. Violations and penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of the fire code as herein adopted by reference and modified.

## CHAPTER 3

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

#### SECTION

- 7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-302. Objectives.
- 7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-304. Records and reports.
- 7-305. Compensation of members.
- 7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

**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 of the municipality. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies shall be purchased by or through the municipality and shall be and remain the property of the municipality. 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 firemen as the chief shall appoint. (1996 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; and
  - (6) To perform such rescue work as its equipment and/or the training of its personnel makes practicable.
  - (7) To provide emergency medical care at the highest level that the equipment and training of the personnel makes practicable.
  - (8) To provide code enforcement and building inspections as directed by the city within adopted codes and ordinances.
  - (9) To serve as the emergency management agency of the city.
  - (10) To protect the health and safety of the citizens from the transportation, storage, or manufacture of hazardous materials to the extent possible that the level of equipment and training will allow.
  - (11) To work with the water department to insure that adequate water supplies for fire protection are available.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

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

(12) To provide public fire and life-safety education materials and information to the citizens in order that they may protect themselves from harm and reduce the risk of fire in the community. (1996 Code, § 7-302, modified)

**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. (1996 Code, § 7-303)

**7-304. Records and reports.** (1) The chief of the fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus, equipment, personnel, and work of the department.

(2) He shall submit a written report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1996 Code, § 7-304)

**7-305. Compensation of members.** 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.

**7-306. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.** The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firefighters. (1996 Code, § 7-306, modified)

**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. (1996 Code, § 7-307)

## CHAPTER 4

### FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

#### SECTION

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

**7-401. 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 town 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 the town property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the board of mayor and aldermen. (1996 Code, § 7-401)