

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

FIRE CODE

SECTION

- 7-101. Fire code adopted.
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7-101. Fire code adopted. Pursuant to authority granted by *Tennessee Code Annotated*, §§ 6-54-501 to 6-54-506, and for the purpose of providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures, and premises, and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency responders during emergency operations, the *International Fire Code*,² 2018 edition, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as a part of this code as fully as if copied herein verbatim, and is hereinafter referred to as the fire code. Said fire code is shall be controlling within the corporate limits.

7-102. Modifications. (1) Definitions. Whenever in the adopted codes reference is made to the duties of a certain official named therein, that designated official of the Town of Vonore who has duties corresponding to those of the named official in said codes shall be deemed to be the responsible official insofar as enforcing the provisions of the adopted codes are concerned. (Ord. #22-08, July 2022)

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) are available from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

7-103. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of *Tennessee Code Annotated*, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy the fire code has been placed on file in the recorder's office and shall be kept there for the use and inspection of the public. (Ord. #22-08, July 2022)

7-104. 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. The violation of any section of this chapter shall be punishable by a penalty of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each day a violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense. The imposition of the civil fine shall not prevent the town from taking of any other action against the violator as may be warranted under the general law. (Ord. #22-08, July 2022)

CHAPTER 2

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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7-201. 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 and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firefighters as the board of mayor and aldermen shall appoint. (1997 Code, § 7-201)

7-202. 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. (1997 Code, § 7-202)

7-203. 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, under the direction of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1997 Code, § 7-203)

7-204. Records and reports. The chief of the 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

¹Municipal code reference

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

matters to the mayor as the mayor requires. The mayor shall submit a report on those matters to the board of mayor and aldermen as the board of mayor and aldermen requires. (1997 Code, § 7-204)

7-205. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall have the authority to suspend any other member of the fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days by the mayor. However, only the board of mayor and aldermen shall dismiss either the fire chief or subordinate officers and firefighters. (1997 Code, § 7-205)

7-206. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firefighters and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the board of mayor and aldermen. (1997 Code, § 7-206)

7-207. 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. (1997 Code, § 7-207)

CHAPTER 3

FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS

SECTION

7-301. Mutual aid and service to subscribers located outside the corporate limits.

7-301. Mutual aid and service to subscribers located outside the corporate limits. That while the principal obligation of the fire department and its personnel is to afford fire protection to persons and property located within the corporate limits of Vonore, through its prevention policies and by maintaining equipment and personnel to extinguish fires, it is the expressed finding of this body that the Vonore Fire Department has the ability, when its manpower and equipment are not being utilized in the town, to respond to fire calls outside the corporate limits of the Town of Vonore. The fire chief, or the mayor in his absence, is authorized to execute mutual aid contracts with other municipalities and fire departments in the area, and to offer service outside the Town of Vonore to property owners on a subscription basis in accordance with the initial fee schedule presented to the board and on the basis of a proposed subscription contract, a copy of which was exhibited to the board, copies of both of which are to be attached to this chapter. The fee schedule and the form of the contract may be altered from time to time by the recommendation of the fire chief and the consent of the board. Copies of the fee schedule, as amended from time to time, shall be made available by the recorder and fire chief for dissemination to the public. The fire department is also authorized, in its discretion, to answer fire calls of non-subscribers outside the town; however priority will be given at all times first to fires inside the town, secondly to fires outside the town and lastly to non-subscribers. (1997 Code, § 7-301)

CHAPTER 4**FIREWORKS****SECTION**

7-401. Fireworks prohibited.

7-401. Fireworks prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, distribute, sell or offer for sale, possess, shoot, fire, explode or discharge any pyrotechnics commonly known as "fireworks" within the corporate limits of the municipality except on July 4th and New Year's Eve when on your own property or on another's property with that property owner's permission. All fireworks must cease to be discharged at 11:00 P.M.