

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

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7-101. Fire limits. The entire area of the municipality constitutes the corporate fire limits of the city. (1972 Code, § 7-101)

7-102. Rural fire service. The governing body of the municipality shall establish by resolution a rural fire service district and the city is hereby authorized to use the equipment of the fire department for fighting fires outside the corporate limits of the city. The governing body of the municipality is hereby authorized to adopt a rural fire service policy setting the subscription fees and charges for such services. The mayor and city recorder are hereby authorized to enter into individual contracts with the residents and citizens who own or rent property in the fire district. (1972 Code, § 7-102)

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Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

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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 International Fire Code,² 2006 edition, as recommended by the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference and included as a part of this code. Said fire prevention code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits. (1972 Code, § 7-201, modified, as amended by Ord. #JT-01-2005-01, Feb. 2005, and Ord. #AW2010-01, June 2010, and repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-202. Available in recorder's office. Pursuant to the requirements of the Tennessee Code Annotated, § 6-54-502, one (1) copy of 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. (1972 Code, § 7-202, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-203. Enforcement. The fire code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department. He shall have the same powers as the state fire marshal. (1972 Code, § 7-203, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-204. Definition of "municipality." Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

²Copies of this code (and any amendments) may be purchased from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

the City of Camden, Tennessee. (1972 Code, § 7-204, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-205. Storage of explosives, flammable liquids, etc. (1) The limits referred to in the International Fire Code, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this title.

(2) The limits referred to in the International Fire Code, in which storage of flammable liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this title.

(3) The limits referred to in the International Fire Code, in which new bulk plants for flammable or combustible liquids are prohibited, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this title.

(4) The limits referred to in the International Fire Code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, are hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this title. (1972 Code, § 7-205, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-206. 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. (1972 Code, § 7-207, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-207. Variances. The chief of the volunteer fire department may recommend to the council variances from the provisions of the fire 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 council. (1972 Code, § 7-208, as repealed and replaced by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

7-208. Violations and penalty. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the fire code herein 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 council of the municipality 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. (as added by Ord. #AW2011-05, July 2011)

CHAPTER 3

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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7-301. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the council of this municipality. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies 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 council and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint. (1972 Code, § 7-301)

7-302. Objectives. The fire department shall have as its objectives:

- (1) To prevent uncontrolled fires.
- (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. (1972 Code, § 7-302)

7-303. 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 shall formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the fire department. (1972 Code, § 7-303)

7-304. 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 a written

¹Municipal code reference

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

report on such matters to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1972 Code, § 7-304)

7-305. Tenure of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the council; however, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief 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. The chief may be suspended up to thirty (30) days by the mayor but may be dismissed only by the council. (1972 Code, § 7-305)

7-306. Chief responsible for training. The chief of the volunteer fire department, shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen, and the minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1972 Code, § 7-306)

7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the chief of the volunteer fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and banking 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. (1972 Code, § 7-308)

7-308. Mandatory retirement. Fire department personnel who have reached the age of seventy years shall be required to retire as active members of the fire department. (as added by Ord. #JT-2005-6, Aug. 2005)

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

7-401. Fireworks.

7-401. Fireworks. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell or offer for sale any type of fireworks, or toy cannons within the city except sparklers, toy pistols and caps, or like fireworks that can be fired within a room. It shall be unlawful to fire or light any fireworks upon the streets of the city or within the open lots near any business house or residence within the city, except with the advance permission of the mayor. (1972 Code, § 7-401)

CHAPTER 5

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

7-501. Color coding of fire hydrants.

7-501. Color coding of fire hydrants. (1) The city does hereby adopt the following color coding procedures for fire hydrants:

(a) Fire hydrants with flow available at a residual pressure of twenty pounds per square inch shall be designated as Class AA hydrants and be color coded blue.

(b) Fire hydrants with available flow of 1,000 - 1,499 gallons per minute with pressure of twenty pounds per square inch shall be designated as Class A fire hydrants and color coded green.

(c) Fire hydrants with available flow of 500 - 999 gallons per minute with pressure of twenty pounds per square inch shall be designated as Class B fire hydrants and color coded orange.

(d) Fire hydrants with 0 - 499 gallons per minute with pressure of twenty pounds per square inch shall be designated as Class C fire hydrants and color coded red.

(2) The city's engineers shall update the system's maps to indicate the location of the various classified fire hydrants. A copy of this chapter and the map shall be furnished to each of the fire departments within the county and any of those fire departments having reciprocal agreements with the city outside the county for their use in identifying the various classifications of fire hydrants. (as added by Ord. #JT2003-2, Oct. 2003)