

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

- 7-101. Fire limits described.
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7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be the area zoned as the central business district. (2000 Code, § 7-101)

7-102. Fire hydrants. (1) Applicability. The standards for the installation and maintenance of water hydrants for fire protection and service provided for by this section shall be applicable to all hydrants located and constructed on private streets, in residential housing developments (including planned unit developments) and in all areas of the City of Goodlettsville where water hydrants for fire service are installed.

(2) Installation. (a) All water hydrants shall use a minimum of a six inch (6") water main.

(b) No building or structure shall be more than three hundred feet (300') from a hydrant, as measured by normal means of transit.

(c) All hydrants shall be installed in a manner of providing a radius of ten feet (10') that is unobstructed either mechanically or visually.

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

(d) All hydrants shall be painted with the dome color coded as indicated as follows, so as to indicate the gallons per minute flow (GPM):

<u>COLOR</u>	<u>G.P.M.</u>
BLUE	1500 & UP
GREEN	1000
ORANGE	500-999
RED	BELOW 500

(3) Maintenance. (a) All water hydrants shall be flow tested by the City of Goodlettsville Fire Department at twelve (12) month intervals with results to be sent to the Goodlettsville Fire Inspector's Office.

(b) Property owners shall perform general preventative maintenance at six (6) month intervals to insure proper operation of hydrants during emergency situations.

(c) Property owners shall, at least monthly, cause visual inspections of all hydrants and water sources.

(d) Any repairs or restoration to any hydrants shall be completed within thirty (30) days after discovered to be mechanically impaired, and the property owner shall certify, within said time period, such repairs or restoration to the City of Goodlettsville Fire Department.

(e) At fire chief's discretion any fire hydrants may be inspected at any time. (2000 Code, § 7-102, as replaced by Ord. #15-839, June 2015)

7-103. Code permit classifications and fees. (1) The creation of the following code permits classifications are:

- (a) Fire sprinkler installation.
- (b) Fire alarm installation.
- (c) Commercial cooking hood systems.
- (d) Clean agent fire suppression systems.

(2) That a permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per permit is hereby established. (as added by Ord. #18-922, Sept. 2018 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

SECTION

7-201. Fire code adopted.

7-202. Fire districts.

7-203. Modifications.

7-204. Violations.

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 2018 edition, as prepared and published by the International Code Council, 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 International Fire Code has been filed with the city recorder and is available for public use and inspection. Said fire code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City of Goodlettsville. (2000 Code, § 7-201, as amended by Ord. #07-700, July 2007, Ord. #15-839, June 2015, and Ord. #21-1012, Sept. 2021 *Ch5_02-10-22*)

7-202. Fire districts. Any limits referred to in the International Fire Code in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, or in which storage of flammable liquids in above ground tanks is prohibited, or in which other fire prevention measures are required, are hereby declared to be the fire limits set forth in § 7-101 of this code. (2000 Code, § 7-202, as amended by Ord. #07-700, July 2007)

7-203. Modifications. Any penalty clauses in the International Fire Code are hereby deleted. (2000 Code, § 7-203, as amended by Ord. #07-700, July 2007)

7-204. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of the International Fire Code hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or build

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

²Copies of this code are available from the International Code Congress Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213-1206.

in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit used 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 commissioners 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. (2000 Code, § 7-204, as amended by Ord. #07-700, July 2007)

CHAPTER 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

- 7-301. Establishment and equipment.
- 7-302. Objectives.
- 7-303. Emergency powers.
- 7-304. Fire marshal.
- 7-305. Organization, rules, and regulations.
- 7-306. Records and reports.
- 7-307. Tenure and compensation of members.
- 7-308. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-309. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

7-301. Establishment and equipment. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the board of commissioners. All apparatus, equipment, and supplies 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 chief appointed by the city manager and such number of subordinate officers and firemen as the city manager shall appoint. (2000 Code, § 7-301, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

¹Charter references

For detailed charter provisions governing the operation of the fire department, see Tennessee Code Annotated, title 6, chapter 21, part 7. For specific provisions in part 7 related to the following subjects, see the sections indicated.

Fire chief

Appointment: § 6-21-701.

Duties: § 6-21-702.

Emergency: § 6-21-703.

Fire marshal: § 6-21-704

Firemen

Appointment: § 6-21-701.

Emergency powers: § 6-21-703.

State law reference

Special privileges with respect to traffic: Tennessee Code Annotated § 55-8-108.

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 makes practicable.
- (7) Provide first responders for emergency medical care at the highest level that the equipment and training of the personnel makes practical.
- (8) The investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fires, arson, false alarms calls, and bomb threats (2000 Code, § 7-302, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

7-303. Emergency powers. (1) When any fire department or company recognized as duly constituted by the commissioner of commerce and insurance pursuant to § 68-102-108 is requested to respond to a fire, hazardous materials incident, natural disaster, service call, or other emergency, it may, regardless of where the emergency exists, proceed to the emergency site by the most direct route at the maximum speed consistent with safety. While responding to, operating at, or returning from such emergency, the chief of the responding fire department or company, or any member serving in capacity of fire officer-in-charge, shall also have the authority to:

- (a) Control and direct the activities at the scene of the emergency;
- (b) Order any person or persons to leave any building or place in the vicinity of such scene for the purpose of protecting such person or persons from injury;
- (c) Blockade any public highway; street or private right-of-way temporarily while at such scene;
- (d) Trespass at any time of the day or night without liability while at such scene;
- (e) Enter any building or premises, including private dwellings, where a fire is in progress, or where there is reasonable cause to believe a fire is in progress, for the purpose of extinguishing the fire;
- (f) Enter any building or premises, including private dwellings, near the scene of the fire for the purpose of protecting the building or premises, or for the purpose of extinguishing the fire that is in progress in another building or premises;
- (g) Inspect for preplanning all buildings, structures, or other places in the chiefs fire district, except the interior of a private dwelling, where any combustible material, including waste paper, rags, shavings, waste, leather, rubber, crates, boxes, barrels, rubbish, or other combustible material that is or may become dangerous as a fire menace

to such buildings, structures, or other places has been allowed to accumulate, or where such chief or the chiefs designated representative has reason to believe that such combustible material has accumulated or is likely to accumulate;

(h) Direct without liability the removal or destruction of any fence, house, motor vehicle, or other thing, if such person deems such action necessary to prevent the further spread of the fire;

(i) Request and be furnished with additional materials or special equipment at the expense of the owner of the property on which the emergency occurs, if deemed necessary to prevent the further spread of the fire or hazardous condition; and

(j) Order disengagement or discouplement of any convoy, caravan, or train of vehicles, craft, or railway cars, if deemed necessary in the interest of safety of persons or property.

(2) When any fire department or company responds to any emergency outside its fire district, however, it shall at all times be subject to the control of the fire chief or designated representative in whose district the emergency occurs. [Acts 1921, Ch. 173, art. 19, § 3; Shan. Supp., § 1997a234; Code 1932, § 3632; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 6-2135; Acts 1975, Ch. 166, § 2; Acts 1993, Ch. 171, § 1.] (2000 Code, § 7-303, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 **Ch4_1-23-20**)

7-304. Fire marshal. The city manager may appoint a fire marshal whose duty shall be, subject to the chief of the fire department, to investigate the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires and the loss occasioned thereby, and assist in the prevention of arson. [Acts 1921, Ch. 173, art. 19, § 4; Shan. Supp., § 1997a235; Code 1932, § 3633; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 6-2136.] (2000 Code, § 7-304, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 **Ch4_1-23-20**)

7-305. 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 city manager. (2000 Code, § 7-305, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 **Ch4_1-23-20**)

7-306. 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 matters to the city manager as the city manager requires. The city manager shall submit a report on those matters to the board of commissioners as they may require. (2000 Code, § 7-306, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 **Ch4_1-23-20**)

7-307. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the city manager. All disciplinary action of the chief and staff members shall be done in accordance to the City of Goodlettsville Personnel Policy and the City of Goodlettsville Municipal Code.

The compensation of all officers and employees of the fire department shall be fixed by the city manager within the limits of the appropriations ordinance and in accordance with a comprehensive pay plan adopted by the board of commissioners. (2000 Code, § 7-307, as replaced by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

7-308. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department, under the direction and subject to the requirements of the city manager. (as added by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

7-309. 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. (as added by Ord. #19-943, July 2019 *Ch4_1-23-20*)

CHAPTER 4

FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES

SECTION

- 7-401. Definition of fireworks.
- 7-402. Prohibition of sale.
- 7-403. Exceptions.
- 7-404. Confiscation.
- 7-405. Misdemeanor.
- 7-406. Grandfather clause.

7-401. Definition of fireworks. The term "fireworks" as used in this chapter shall be held to mean any sparkler, squibb, rocket, firecracker, roman candle, fireworks, or other similar device or composition used to obtain a visible or audible pyrotechnic display. (2000 Code, § 7-401)

7-402. Prohibition of sale. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to offer for sale, expose for sale, or sell at retail any fireworks within the City of Goodlettsville. (2000 Code, § 7-402)

7-403. Exceptions. Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the sale of goods, wares, and merchandise at wholesale, may store pyrotechnics as defined in this chapter, provided that no sales are made within the City of Goodlettsville, and provided further that the storage of said pyrotechnics shall be subject to the inspection of the city manager or his designated representative. (2000 Code, § 7-403)

7-404. Confiscation. Any fireworks stored, sold, or offered for sale in the City of Goodlettsville contrary to provisions of this chapter may be forthwith confiscated and destroyed by the Police Department of the City of Goodlettsville when it constitutes a hazard to life or property. (2000 Code, § 7-404)

7-405. Misdemeanor. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Provided, that each day's violation of the provisions hereof shall constitute a separate offense. (2000 Code, § 7-405)

7-406. Grandfather clause. The prohibition on sale of fireworks as set out herein shall not apply to any person, firm, or corporation, or their successors or assigns, which has been engaged in the sale of fireworks within the City of Goodlettsville on a continuous basis at the same location for the entire twelve (12) months period immediately preceding the passage of the provisions of this chapter, which sales of fireworks shall be considered a nonconforming use to be allowed only at the location at which fireworks are being sold at the time of passage of the provisions of this chapter. No nonconforming use may be re-established where the same has been abandoned or discontinued for a period of twelve (12) months. (2000 Code, § 7-406)

CHAPTER 5**OPEN BURNING****SECTION**

7-501. Permit required.

7-502. Exceptions.

7-503. Penalty.

7-501. Permit required. No person, corporation, firm, association or entity shall kindle or maintain any open fire or shall knowingly furnish the materials for any such fire, or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on, or in any street, alley, road, land, public grounds or upon any private lot unless a written permit to do so shall first have been secured from the chief of the Goodlettsville Fire Department or his designee. (2000 Code, § 7-501)

7-502. Exceptions. No person, corporation, firm, association or entity shall cause, suffer or allow open burning without a written permit, except as specifically permitted as follows:

(1) Ceremonial fires of reasonable size and duration; such fires may not contain material such as plastics, rubber or similar refuse;

(2) Fires used for outdoor cooking where done with equipment or fireplace designated for such purposes and in a manner not offensive to persons in the vicinity thereof. (2000 Code, § 7-502)

7-503. Penalty. Failure to obtain an open burn permit under this chapter is punishable by a penalty not to exceed five hundred (\$500.00) for each separate offense. (2000 Code, § 7-503)

CHAPTER 6

(this chapter was deleted by Ord. #14-813, April 2014)

CHAPTER 7

FIRE PREVENTION RAPID ENTRY

SECTION

- 7-701. Purpose.
- 7-702. Key lock box system.
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- 7-706. Fire department responsibilities.
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- 7-709. Penalties.

7-701. Purpose. The City of Goodlettsville determined that the health welfare and safety of the citizens of Goodlettsville are promoted by requiring certain structures to have a key lock box installed on the exterior of the structure to aid the Goodlettsville Fire Department in gaining access to or within a structure when responding to calls for an emergency service, and to aid access into or within a building that is secured or is unduly difficult to gain entry due to being either unoccupied or the occupants are unable to respond. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012)

7-702. Key lock box system. (1) The following structures which are built or substantially remodeled after May 1, 2012 shall be equipped with a key lock box at or near the main entrance or such other location as required the fire code officer, fire marshal and/or fire chief.

(a) Commercial or industrial structures.

(b) Multi-family-residential structures that have restricted access through locked doors but have a common corridor for access to the living units.

(c) Schools, whether public or private.

(d) Governmental structures and nursing care facilities unless the building is staffed or open twenty-four (24) hours.

(2) All new construction subject to § 7-702(1), shall have a key lock installed and operational prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. All structures in existence on the effective date of this section and subject to § 7-702(1) shall have twelve (12) months from enactment date of this chapter to have a key lock box installed and operational.

(3) The type of key lock boxes to be implemented within the shall be a Knox Box brand system or such other rapid entry system of comparable quality which has been specifically authorized in writing by the fire marshal or

fire chief as being an acceptable substitution for the Knox Box brand system. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012)

7-703. Installation. (1) All Knox Boxes or its approved substitute, shall be installed to the left side of the main business door.

(2) All Knox Boxes or its approved substitute, shall be flush mounted sixty inches (60") from ground to the center of the entry if possible.

(3) In the event that the rapid entry box system cannot be installed at the aforesaid location and/or height the fire marshal or fire chief may designate in writing a different location and installation specifications.

(4) All Knox Boxes or its substitution, shall have a tamper switch installed in the building as an intrusion/burglar alarm.

(5) Deleted.

(6) The fire marshal or the fire chief must approve any changes in the installation. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012, and amended by Ord. #20-972, Aug. 2020 *Ch5_02-10-22*)

7-704. Maintenance. The operator of the building shall immediately notify the fire marshal or fire chief and provide the new keys when a lock box is changed or rekeyed. The key to such lock shall be secured in the Knox Box. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012)

7-705. Contents of lock box. The contents of the lock box are as follows:

(1) Keys to locked points of ingress or egress, whether on the interior or exterior of such buildings.

(2) Keys to all mechanical rooms.

(3) Keys to all locked electrical rooms.

(4) Keys to elevator and their control rooms.

(5) Keys to the fire alarm panels.

(6) Keys (special) to re-set pull stations or other fire protective devices.

(7) Keys to any other areas as requested by the fire marshal or fire chief. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012)

7-706. Fire department responsibilities. (1) No fire department personnel shall carry a Knox Box key.

(2) All Knox Box access keys shall be installed in a Knox Box Sentra-Loc system installed in the fire apparatus. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012)

7-707. Exceptions to requirement to install a key lock box system. The following structures are exempt from the mandate to install a key lock box system:

(1) Single family structures and multi-family structures that do not meet the definition set forth in § 7-702(1)(b).

(2) Structures that have twenty-four (24) hours, three hundred sixty-five (365) day on-site security personnel, or have other personnel on site.

(3) Businesses that are open and staffed twenty-four (24) hours, three hundred sixty-five (365) days per year (which may include but are not limited to, nursing homes, hospitals, police stations, etc.).

(4) Rental storage facilities where there is a single lock on the separate storage pods that are enter supplied; provided, however, the entry security gate(s) will require a Knox Box if electronically controlled, or locked with a master key issued by the landlord to all tenants.

(5) Any facility not having an automatic area alarm system. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012)

7-708. Fire department access to residential and commercial security access gates. (1) All security access gates that bar immediate fire department access to a location shall have either:

(a) A "knoxbox gate and key switch" installed on the public side of the entry gate, with the key matched to the Goodlettsville Fire Department master knoxbox key.

(b) A red access control box mounted at the public side of the gate entry controls. The box shall be marked "fire department access" and the control box shall be secured with a padlock from the "knoxbox" company, with the padlock keyed to the Goodlettsville Fire Department master knoxbox key.

(2) Gate control operation. (a) When either the "key switch" is turned to the emergency position or the padlock is removed and the access door is opened, the entry gates shall immediately open and remain open until the key switch is returned to the normal position, or the door is closed and the padlock re-secured in place. The emergency operation shall override all other controls so the gates stay open until the completion of the emergency.

(b) If the gate controls become out of service, the gates must remain open until repairs are made or a temporary plan of action is approved by both the fire chief, and the fire marshal.

(c) If more than one (1) entry gate exists, the largest gate shall be the designated fire department entry gate.

(3) Installation requirements. (a) All properties with access control gates shall have ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this section to comply with all requirements.

(b) Once the system is installed it shall be maintained in accordance with the effective date of this section. (as added by Ord. #12-774, April 2012, and replaced by Ord. #20-972, Aug. 2020 *Ch5_02-10-22*)

7-709. Penalties. Any person, entity or corporation who has violated any provisions of this chapter or who has failed to comply with any order issued by fire marshal or fire chief or has failed to comply with any order issued pursuant to any section thereof, shall, upon conviction before the proper judicial authority, be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each day a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. (as added by Ord. #20-972, Aug. 2020 *Ch5_02-10-22*)