

## TITLE 7

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

#### CHAPTER

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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 through 6-54-506, and for the purpose of regulating exits, egress capacity, stairways, fire escapes, travel distance to egress, special locking arrangements in place of assembly occupancies, in any building or structure. The International Fire Code,<sup>2</sup> 2009 edition, including all subsequent amendments or additions to said code, as prepared and adopted by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted and incorporated by 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. (Ord. #01-11, Feb. 2011)

**7-102. Modifications.** The following sections are hereby revised to read as follows:

Definitions. Whenever the words "Building Official" are used in the fire code, they shall refer to the person designated by the board of mayor and aldermen to enforce the provisions of the fire code.

**7-103. 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

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

Building, utility and residential codes: title 12.

<sup>2</sup>Copies of this code are available from the International Code Council, 900 Montclair Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35213.

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

**7-104. Violation 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.

## CHAPTER 2

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

#### SECTION

- 7-201. Establishment, equipment, and membership.
- 7-202. Objectives.
- 7-203. Organization, rules, and regulations.
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- 7-205. Tenure and compensation of members.
- 7-206. Chief responsible for training and maintenance.
- 7-207. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

**7-201. Establishment, equipment, and membership.** There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations of the board of mayor and aldermen. Any funds raised by the volunteer fire department as a whole, or by any individual or group of volunteer firemen in the name of the volunteer fire department, shall be turned over to and become the property of, the town and the town shall use such funds in the equipping of the fire department. Any and all gifts to the volunteer fire department shall be turned over to, and become the property of, the town. All other apparatus, equipment, and supplies of the volunteer fire department shall be purchased by or through the town and shall be and remain the property of the town. The volunteer 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 fire chief shall appoint. (1989 Code, § 7-201)

**7-202. Objectives.** The volunteer 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. (1989 Code, § 7-202)

**7-203. Organization, rules, and regulations.** The chief of the volunteer fire department shall set up the organization of the department, make

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<sup>1</sup>Municipal code reference

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

definite assignments to individuals, and formulate and enforce such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the orderly and efficient operation of the volunteer fire department. All volunteers must abide by the city adopted personnel rules and regulations. (1989 Code, § 7-203, modified)

**7-204. 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 such written reports on those matters to the mayor as the mayor requires. The mayor shall submit reports on those matters to the board of mayor and aldermen, as the board of mayor and aldermen requires. (1989 Code, § 7-204)

**7-205. Tenure and compensation of members.** The fire chief shall have the authority to suspend or discharge any other member of the volunteer fire department when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department. The fire chief may be suspended for up to thirty (30) days by the mayor, but may be dismissed only by the board of mayor and aldermen.

All personnel of the volunteer fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of mayor and aldermen may from time to time prescribe. (1989 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 firemen 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. (1989 Code, § 7-206)

**7-207. Chief to be assistant to state officer.** Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-305, 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. (1989 Code, § 7-207)

## CHAPTER 3

### FIRE HYDRANT MARKINGS AND RESTRICTIVE USE

#### SECTION

7-301. Classification of hydrants.

7-302. Capacity of hydrants.

7-303. Use of pumper trucks or pumping equipment.

**7-301. Classification of hydrants.** Fire hydrants shall be classified according to each fire hydrant's flow capacity, in gallons per minute (gpm), while maintaining a minimum system pressure of twenty (20) pounds per square inch (psi), as follows:

- (1) Class AA Greater than 1,500 gmp
- (2) Class A Greater than 1,000 gpm to 1,500 gpm
- (3) Class B 500 gpm to 1,000 gpm
- (4) Class C Less than 500 gpm

The results of field flow tests will define the capacities of existing fire hydrants. Hydraulic calculations or computer modeling will be used to establish initial capacities of proposed fire hydrants. Once installed, a fire hydrant's capacity will be confirmed by field flow tests.

Developers or other individuals who petition Monteagle to accept for operation and maintenance any water system improvements that include fire hydrants will have the hydrants tested and then painted according to the schedule below as a condition for Monteagle's acceptance of said improvements. Said developer or individuals will provide flow test data for each hydrant to confirm each hydrant's classification. (Ord. #05-12, \_\_\_\_)

**7-302. Capacity of hydrants.** For each fire hydrant where its capacity has been established, its bonnet (top) and all nozzle caps will be painted the color corresponding to its rated capacity, as follows:

- (1) Class AA Light blue
- (2) Class A Green
- (3) Class B Orange
- (4) Class C Red. (Ord. #05-12, \_\_\_\_)

**7-303. Use of pumper trucks or pumping equipment.** The use of pumper trucks or other equipment employing pumps that apply suction to the fire hydrant is hereby prohibited on any fire hydrant rated Class C. In all other instances when such suction equipment is employed, a pressure gage will be used at the fire hydrant and the pumping rate will be restricted to prevent the residual pressure from dropping below twenty (20) psi. (Ord. #05-12, \_\_\_\_)