

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION, FIREWORKS, AND EXPLOSIVES

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CHAPTER 1

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION

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CHAPTER 2

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

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7-201. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a volunteer fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the governing body 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 governing body and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint.

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.

7-203. 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 department.

¹For special privileges with respect to traffic, see title 9, chapter 1, in this code.

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 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.

7-205. Tenure and compensation of members. The chief shall hold office so long as his conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the governing body. 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 governing body.

All personnel of the volunteer fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the governing body may from time to time prescribe.

7-206. Chief responsible for training and maintenance. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the firemen and for maintenance of all property and equipment of the fire department. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month.

7-207. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits generally. No equipment of the volunteer fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits unless such fire is on city owned 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 city as to endanger such city property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the municipal governing body.

7-208. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of section 68-17-108 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the chief of the volunteer fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by chapter 17 of title 67 of said Tennessee Code Annotated, and shall be subject to the directions of the commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof.