

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION

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7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be the same as described in § 1 of the town charter. (1960 Code, § 7-101, modified)

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Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

CHAPTER 2

FIRE CODE¹

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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 Standard Fire Prevention Code,² 1994 edition, as recommended by the Southern Standard Building Code Congress International, Inc. 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 fire prevention code has been filed with the city recorder and is available for public use and inspection. 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. (1960 Code, § 7-201, as amended by Ord. #70-002, Sept. 1970, modified)

7-202. Enforcement. The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the chief of the volunteer fire department. (1960 Code, § 7-202)

7-203. Definition of "municipality." Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the fire prevention code herein adopted, it shall be held to mean the Town of Wartrace. (1960 Code, § 7-203)

7-204. Storage of flammable liquids and liquified petroleum.
(1) The limits referred to in § 902.1.1 of the fire prevention code, in

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

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

which storage of flammable or combustible liquids in outside above ground tanks is prohibited, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code.

(2) The limits referred to in § 1701.4.2 of the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, is hereby declared to be the fire limits as set out in § 7-101 of this code. (1960 Code, § 7-204)

7-205. Gasoline trucks. No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within any residential area at any time except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline. (1960 Code, § 7-205)

7-206. Modifications. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall have the power to modify any of the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by the 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 modifications when granted or allowed and the decision of the chief of the volunteer fire department thereon shall be entered upon the records of the department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant. (1960 Code, § 7-206)

7-207. Appeals from decisions of fire chief. When any person feels that he has been wrongfully aggrieved by a decision of the chief of the volunteer fire department in interpreting and applying the fire code or granting or refusing variance requests of the same he may, within thirty (30) days, appeal said decision to the mayor and board of aldermen. Said appeal shall be in writing. (1960 Code, § 7-207)

7-208. Violations. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this code hereby adopted or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder, or who shall 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 who shall fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the mayor and board of aldermen or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor. 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. (1960 Code, § 7-208)

CHAPTER 3

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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- 7-303. Organization, rules, and regulations.
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- 7-306. Chief responsible for training.
- 7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.

7-301. 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. The volunteer fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the mayor and such number of subordinate officers and firemen, in no event less than fourteen (14), as the chief shall appoint. (1960 Code, § 7-301)

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

- (1) To prevent 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. (1960 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 volunteer fire department. (1960 Code, § 7-303)

7-304. Records and reports. The chief of the volunteer fire department shall keep adequate records of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the department. The chief 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. (1960 Code, § 7-304)

¹Municipal code reference

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

7-305. Tenure of members. The chief shall hold office as long as he does good work. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the 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 chief may be suspended or dismissed only by the mayor or the municipal governing body. (1960 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 volunteer firemen, and the absolute minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1960 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 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 fire prevention commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1960 Code, § 7-308)

CHAPTER 4**FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE TOWN LIMITS****SECTION**

7-401. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits.

7-401. Equipment to be used only within corporate limits. No equipment of the volunteer fire department shall be used for fighting any fire outside the corporate limits. (1960 Code, § 7-307)