

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS

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CHAPTER 1

FIRE DISTRICT

SECTION

7-101. Fire limits described.

7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be the corporate city limits. (1974 Code, § 7-101, modified)

CHAPTER 2

FIRE DEPARTMENT¹

SECTION

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7-201. Establishment, equipment, and membership. There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the city council of the City of Watertown. 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 council and such number of physically-fit subordinate officers and firemen as the chief shall appoint. (1974 Code, § 7-301)

7-202. 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. (1974 Code, § 7-302)

7-203. 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. (1974 Code, § 7-303)

7-204. 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 a written report on such matters

¹Municipal code reference

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

to the mayor once each month, and at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made. (1974 Code, § 7-304)

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

All personnel of the fire department shall receive such compensation for their services as the city council may from time to time prescribe. (1974 Code, § 7-305)

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. The minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than once a month. (1974 Code, § 7-306)

7-207. Chief to be assistant to state officer. Pursuant to requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, § 68-102-108, the chief of the fire department 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 fire prevention commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof. (1974 Code, § 7-308)

CHAPTER 3

FIRE SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

SECTION

7-301. Equipment and personnel to be used only within corporate limits.

7-301. Equipment and personnel to be used only within corporate limits. No equipment of the 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 the city property or unless expressly authorized in writing by the city council. (1974 Code, § 7-307)

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

7-401. Fireworks, etc. prohibited.

7-401. Fireworks, etc. prohibited. (1) Except as allowed in section (2) it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to ignite or discharge any type of fireworks or pyrotechnics including but not limited to firecrackers, canon crackers, roman candles, torpedoes, or sparklers within the corporate limits of the City of Watertown.

(2) Fireworks may be ignited or discharged within the corporate limits of the City of Watertown from December 17th through the following January 7th and beginning July 1st through July 7th each year.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture any type of fireworks or pyrotechnics within the corporate limits of the City of Watertown.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite or discharge any type of fireworks or pyrotechnics from any type of motor vehicle, toward any type of motor vehicle, building, or person within the corporate limits of the City of Watertown or ignite or discharge any type of fireworks or pyrotechnics on the public square. (1974 Code, § 10-235, as amended by Ord. #10-235, June 1988, and Ord. #_____, Dec. 1998)