

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE ELECTED BODY OF THE (CITY/ TOWN/COUNTY) OF _____, TENNESSEE ADOPTING MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS.

WHEREAS, in 2009 the State of Tennessee passed Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112 specifying minimum training standards for firefighters in the State of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, a number of cities and counties were exempted from this minimum training by this legislation based on their population; and,

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction sets certain priorities to provide for firefighter safety and provide for a trained and competent fire department to serve our community;

WHEREAS, meeting minimum training standards are essential to meeting the priorities set;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by at least a 2/3rd majority of the elected body of the (City/Town/County) of _____, Tennessee that the fire department of the jurisdiction will meet, at minimum, the training requirements set in Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112 the public welfare requiring it:

Section 1. All firefighters must attend a 16-hour initial training class developed by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy in firefighting procedures and techniques, or complete equivalent training approved by the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, before being allowed to actively fight a fire.

Section 2. Every firefighter shall complete the “basic and live firefighting” course offered by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy, or an equivalent course, within three years of joining the Fire Department.

Section 3. The following firefighters are exempt from the minimum training requirements:

(1) Any firefighter in the fire service on July 1, 2009, and who entered the fire service before June 30, 2004; and

(2) Any firefighter who is certified by a medical doctor as medically or physically unable to complete the training requirements; however, the fire department may not allow these firefighters to engage in active firefighting operations.

(3) Any firefighter who is certified by the fire department's chief officer that they will not operate within an environment determined to be immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) is exempt from the live firefighting portion of the minimum.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective on the date it is adopted.

Adopted this _____ month/day of 2021, by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the governing body.

Signed:

Name /Date

Mayor/Date