

## CHAPTER 3

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**7-301. Establishment, equipment and membership.** There is hereby established a fire department to be supported and equipped from appropriations by the governing body of the municipality. All apparatus, equipment and supplies shall be purchased and remain the property of the municipality. The fire department shall be composed of a chief appointed by the City Manager and such number of full-time subordinate officers and fireman, as the city manager shall appoint. In addition there shall be "on-call" or "volunteer" firemen appointed by the city manger to supplement the full-time fire department, as needed. (Ord. #1007, 3-06-03).

**7-302. 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 in case a fire does start.
- (3) To confine a fire to the place of origin.
- (4) To extinguish uncontrolled fires.
- (5) To prevent loss of life from asphyxiation or drowning.

**7-303. 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.

**7-304. 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 to the city manager once each month, at the end of the year a detailed annual report shall be made.

**7-305. Tenure of members.** The chief and all other personnel of the fire department shall hold office only so long as their conduct and efficiency are satisfactory to the city manager. However, so that adequate discipline may be maintained, the chief shall have the authority to suspend any other member of the fire department, pending the filing of charges with the city manager, when he deems such action to be necessary for the good of the department.

**7-306. Chief responsible for training.** The chief of the fire department shall be fully responsible for the training of the personnel of his department, and the absolute minimum training shall consist of having the personnel take the fire apparatus out for practice operations not less than twice a month.

**7-307. Chief to be assistant to state officer.** Pursuant to requirements of Section 53-2408 of the Tennessee Code Annotated, the chief of the fire department is designated as an assistant to the state commissioner of insurance and banking and is subject to all the duties and obligations imposed by Chapter 24 of Title 53 of said Tennessee Code Annotated, and shall be subject to the directions of the fire prevention commissioner in the execution of the provisions thereof.