

## CHAPTER 2

### FIRE CODE

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**7-201. Fire Code Adopted.** Pursuant to the authority granted by T.C.A. 6-54-501 *et seq.* and for the purposes of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the 2018 NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code with Life Safety Code 101, EXCLUDING Building Code 5000" is hereby adopted by reference and included herein as a part of this code. Said fire provision code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out verbatim herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the City of Paris. (Ord. #535, 08/02/79; Ord. #624, 06/06/85; Ord. #738, 08/17/90; Ord. #864, 10/06/94; Ord. #932, 06/02/98, Ord. #985, 09/06/01; Ord. #1025, 12/04/03; Ord. #1034, 07/01/04; Ord. #1041, 05/05/05; Ord. #1082, 2/7/08; Ord. #1174; 11/6/14; Ord. #1255, 6/23/20).

#### **7-202. Establishment and duties of Bureau of Fire Prevention.**

a. The Fire Prevention Code shall be enforced by the Bureau of Fire Prevention which is hereby established and which shall be operated under the supervision of the Chief of the Fire Department.

b. The Fire Marshal in charge of the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be appointed by the City Manager upon recommendation of the Fire Chief. The fire prevention code herein adopted by reference shall be enforced by the Fire Marshal whom, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-2408, shall be designated as an assistant to the State Commissioner of Insurance for the purpose of fire prevention and arson investigation.

c. The Chief of the Fire Department may detail such members of the fire department to assist the Fire Marshal as inspectors as may be necessary.

d. A report of the Bureau of Fire Prevention shall be made annually and transmitted to the City Manager; it shall contain all proceedings under this code, with such statistics as the Chief of the Fire Department may wish to include therein; the Chief of the Fire Department shall also recommend any amendments to the code which, in his judgment, shall be desirable.

**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 City of Paris.

**7-204. Gasoline trucks.** No person shall operate or park any gasoline tank truck within any residential area at any time except for the purpose and while actually engaged in the expeditious delivery of gasoline.

**7-205. Modifications Authorized.** Notwithstanding the provisions of 2018 NFPA1 Uniform Fire Code (UFC) hydrants shall be provided in sufficient number and be needed and the hydrant locations shall be determined by the authority having jurisdiction, but in no case shall said hydrants be located greater than 500 feet (152.5m) apart. Public hydrants are recognized as meeting all or part of the above requirements. (Ord. #1082, 2/7/08; Ord. #1174, 11/6/14; Ord. #1255, 6/23/20).

B. The Fire Marshal shall have power to modify provision of the Fire Prevention Code upon application, in writing, by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, 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. Such modification will be subject to minimum standards established by the State Fire Prevention Division. The particulars of such modification when granted or allowed and the decisions of the Fire Marshal shall be entered upon the records of the department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

**7-206. Appeals from decisions of Fire Marshal.** Whenever the Fire Marshal shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the Fire Marshal to the City Commission within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision appealed. Said appeal shall be in writing. Such appeal will be subject to minimum standards established by the State Fire Prevention Division.

**7-207. Violations.** It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter or the fire prevention code hereby adopted, or fail to comply therewith, or violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or building 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 fail to comply with such order as affirmed or modified by the governing body of the municipality or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein. The application of a penalty under the general penalty clause for the city code shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

**7-208. Penalty for failure of owner, architect or other person to comply with order.** Any owner or occupant failing to comply with such order, within thirty (30) days after said order has been made final, shall be liable to penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00), nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each days neglect thereafter. The penalty herein provided may be recovered in an action brought in City Municipal Court. (See Title 4 in the code for the building and utility codes.)