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PUBLIC SAFETY

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SECTION 13-101      ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

There is hereby adopted by the town board of trustees for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the Fire Prevention Code, abbreviated edition, recommended by the American Insurance Association, being particularly the current edition thereof and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended. Not less than one copy of the code has been filed in the office of the clerk of the town and the same are hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein. The provisions of The Fire Prevention Code shall be controlling within the limits of the town.

SECTION 13-102      ENFORCEMENT.

The code hereby adopted shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department.

SECTION 13-103      DEFINITION.

Wherever the word "municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code hereby adopted it shall be held to mean the town.

SECTION 13-104      LIMITS FOR STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, BULK STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES, EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS.

The limits referred to in the Fire Prevention Code, in which storage of flammable liquids in outside above-ground tanks is prohibited, the limits referred to in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted, and the limits in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, are hereby established as the fire limits provided in Part 5 of this code.

SECTION 13-105      MODIFICATIONS.

The chief of the fire department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the code hereby adopted in his own discretion or 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 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 fire department thereon shall be entered upon the records of the department and for applications requesting change, a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

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SECTION 13-201      POLICE DEPARTMENT CREATED; CHIEF.

There shall be a police department, the head of which is the chief of police, or police chief, appointed by the town board of trustees and removable by the board. The chief of police is an officer of the town, and has supervision and control of the police department. All police officers are officers of the town.

State Law Reference: Police department and duties, 11 O.S. Sections 34-101 et seq.

SECTION 13-202      DUTIES.

It is the duty of the police department to apprehend and arrest on view or on warrant and bring to justice all violators of the ordinances of the town; to suppress all riots, affrays, and unlawful assemblies which may come to their knowledge, and generally to keep the peace; to serve all warrants, writs, executions, and other processes properly directed and delivered to them; to apprehend and arrest persons violating federal or state law as provided by law, and to turn them over to proper authorities; and in all respects to perform all duties pertaining to the offices of police officers. The police department has charge of and operates the town jail.

SECTION 13-203      POLICE OFFICERS.

Police officers shall be appointed subject to approval of the town board of trustees who shall perform such duties as shall be required of them by the chief of police, town ordinances, federal, state and county regulations and any other actions required in the maintenance of good order and public peace.

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SECTION 13-301      PURPOSE OF CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION.

A civil defense organization is created for the town to carry out preparations for and to function in the event of emergencies endangering the lives and property of the people of the town. The duties of the civil defense organization are the protection of the lives and health of the citizens and of property and property rights, both private and public, and performance of all functions necessary and incident thereto.

State Law Reference: Local civil defense organizations, 63 O.S. Section 683.11.

SECTION 13-302      DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby established under the executive branch of the government a department of civil defense which shall consist of:

1. A director of civil defense who shall be appointed and may be removed chief of police, removed with or without cause by the mayor; and
2. A civil defense advisory committee. This committee shall consist of the mayor as chairman and five (5) members appointed by the mayor and serving at his pleasure. The committee shall select from its members a vice-chairman and secretary. It shall hold such meetings as are directed by the mayor and its function shall be to act in an advisory capacity as needed or requested by the mayor or the director of civil defense.

SECTION 13-303      DUTIES OF DIRECTOR.

The director of civil defense shall be the executive head of the department of the civil defense and shall be responsible for carrying out the civil defense program of the town. He shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. It is the duty of the director of civil defense as soon as practicable after his appointment to perfect an organization to carry out the purposes set forth in this chapter and he shall have all necessary power and authority to form committees or other bodies and to appoint and designate the chairman or chief officer of such bodies as may be necessary to perfect such an organization. He shall have further duty and responsibility to cooperate with all civil defense agencies of other governmental units, including the state and the federal government. The director of civil defense is further authorized to formulate written plans and gather information and keep written record thereof to govern the functions of the civil defense organization.

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State Law Reference: Provisions on municipal volunteer departments, 11 O.S. Sections 29-201 et seq.

SECTION 13-402 VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT; NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS.

A. The fire department of the town is a volunteer fire department which has in its employ not more than two (2) full time salaried firefighters, and not less than twelve (12) or more than twenty (20) volunteer firefighters.

B. For the purpose of this chapter, a volunteer firefighter shall be considered as one who is enrolled as a member of the fire department and who serves in that capacity without receiving a regular salary.

SECTION 13-403 FIRE CHIEF.

A. The chief is at the head of the department, subject to the laws of the state, ordinances of this town, and the rules and regulations herein adopted. The chief shall be held responsible for the general condition and efficient operation of the department, the training of members, and the performance of all other duties imposed upon him. He shall have the following duties:

1. To inspect or cause to be inspected by members of the department, the fire hydrants, cisterns, and other sources of water supply at least twice each year to determine their readiness and availability for firefighting;

2. To maintain a library or file of publications on fire prevention and fire protection and shall make use of it to the best advantage of all members;

3. To make every effort to attend all fires and direct the officers and members in the performance of their duties;

4. Any volunteer firefighter having two (2) unexcused absences in succession or three (3) unexcused absences in a period of three (3) months will be dropped from the fire department rolls;

5. Volunteer firefighters leaving town for an extended period of time will be required to notify the chief;

6. Any volunteer firefighter refusing to attend training classes provided for him will be dropped; and

7. Any volunteer member of the fire department shall be dropped from the rolls for the following offenses:

- a. Conduct unbecoming a firefighter;
- b. Any act of insubordination;
- c. Neglect of duty;
- d. Any violation of rules and regulations governing the fire department; or
- e. Conviction of a felony.

SECTION 13-409      DUTIES.

It is the duty of the fire department, among others, to extinguish fires; to rescue persons endangered by fire; to resuscitate, and to administer first aid to, persons injured in or about burning structures or elsewhere in case of an emergency; to promote fire prevention and unless otherwise provided, to enforce all ordinances relating to fires, fire prevention, and safety of persons from fire and explosions in theaters, stores, and other public buildings.

SECTION 13-410      RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The town board of trustees, by motion or resolution, may adopt rules and regulations governing the fire department. All firefighters shall be of legal age, in good health, and residents of the town.

SECTION 13-411      ANSWERING CALLS OUTSIDE LIMITS.

The fire department in accordance with any regulations the town board of trustees may prescribe may respond to calls outside the town limits. In answering calls outside the limits or performing fire prevention, rescue, resuscitation, first aid, inspection or any other official work outside the town limits, the department shall be considered an agent of the state and acting in a governmental capacity. The town shall not be liable for any act of commission, omission or negligence in answering, returning from or performing such work outside the limits.

State Law Reference: Mutual aid, answering calls outside limits, 11 O.S. Sections 29-106 to 29-109.