

ADDITION 7A

THE ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

7A.01 ORGANIZATION.

That the Fire Department shall be forthwith established and shall consist of one chief of the Fire Department and four volunteer companies, as follows: Two hose companies of twelve (12) men each; one hook and ladder company of fourteen (14) men; and one engine company of five (5) men, exclusive of fireman and engineer.

7A.03 RANKS.

The said four (4) companies shall organize by the election by the members thereof, of one of their members as Captain, and two (2) as first and second lieutenants, respectively, which officers shall be respected and obeyed by said company in order of their rank, in the same manner and to the same extent in the line of duty as in the military service of the country.

7A.05 APPOINTMENT.

The Chief of the Fire Department, Engineer, and Fireman shall be appointed by the City Council at its first regular meeting in May of each year, and they shall hold their offices for a period of one (1) year, or until their successor shall be appointed and qualified, and they shall receive such compensation, if any, as the City Council shall determine; provided, that such officers may be removed from office by a majority vote of the whole Council for official misconduct, neglect of duty or other adequate cause.

7A.07 FIRE CHIEF.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall have command of all fires in said City, and shall issue all such orders there at as shall seem to him/her proper. In case of the absence of the Chief, the commanding officer of the company first arriving at the fire shall take command until relieved by the Chief. The Chief shall promulgate all regulations and orders relating to the Fire Department, which said rules and regulations shall be posted at the headquarters of said companies, and it shall be the duties of the officers and members of such companies to acquaint themselves therewith and to respect and obey the Chief as the head of the department; all of which subject, however, to the orders and control of the City Council.

7A.09 PROPERTY.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall have charge of all property of the Department and shall be responsible to the City for the safe keeping of the same. He shall not suffer nor permit the same to be applied to private use under penalty of a fine of not more than \$20.00 nor less than \$5.00 for each and every offense.

7A.11 REPORTS.

The Chief shall semi-annually at the first meeting in May and November of each year make a detailed report to the City Council, which will show as follows: The number of members of the companies; the

number of alarms responded to; the number of members on duty at each call; a complete inventory of the City property in his custody and the condition of the same, and such report shall also contain a list of equipments needed for the Department, if any.

7A.13 MEMBERS.

The names of all men/women seeking to become members of the Fire Department must be voted on by the company, if elected their names must be presented to the City Council for approval or rejection, provided, that the members of the first company shall be appointed by the City Council.

7A.15 REMOVAL.

If any fireman at a fire shall disobey or refuse to obey the orders of the Chief of the Fire Department, or of any subordinate officer in their respective stations , he/she shall be subject to a penalty and shall forfeit for each and every such default not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00 for the use and benefit of the company to which he belongs, and he/she also shall be subject to suspension, or dismissal from the Fire Department.

7A.17 FIRE AREA.

The Police Chief, under the direction of the Chief of the Fire Department, or in his/her absence the officer in command , shall prescribe limits in the vicinity of a fire within which no person excepting those residing or having property therein, members of the Fire Department and those admitted by the chief or other officers of the Fire Department shall be permitted to come and it shall be the duty of the Police Chief to strictly enforce this Subsection.

7A.19 INTERFERENCE.

Any person found meddling or interfering with any Fireman while in the discharge of his duties or tampering with any fire apparatus, whether as a fire or otherwise or sounding a false alarm, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$25.00 or less than \$10.00 for each and every offense.

7A.21 COMPENSATION.

The members of the Fire Department above created shall receive such compensation for their service as the City Council shall by resolution fix and determine.

7A.23 ABOLISHMENT OF PRESENT DEPARTMENT.

As soon as said volunteer Fire Department is organized as above provided, and its officers are elected, the present Fire Department and all thereof, shall by virtue of the provisions of this Section, and without further action taken on the part of the City Council, be disbanded and abolished.