

## 404. Municipal Fire Department

§404.010 FIRE DEPARTMENT; ESTABLISHMENT. A volunteer fire department is hereby established consisting of a Fire Chief, four (4) Assistant Chiefs and firemen in a number established by the City Council. The Assistant Chiefs shall be elected annually by the membership of the Fire Department and such selection shall be subject to the approval of the City Council. Assistant chiefs may be removed by the Council only for cause and after a hearing. Other officers may be elected by members of the Department annually as they may determine. (Ref. §202.010, Code 1966; Ord. Nos. 437, 9/20/66; 645, 12/9/80)

§404.020 FIRE DEPARTMENT; FIRE CHIEF. The Fire Chief shall be selected by the City Manager subject to a concurring vote by a majority of the members of the Department. When candidates for the position of the Fire Chief have equal qualifications, preference shall be given to the members of the Volunteer Fire Department.

The Chief shall serve at the pleasure of and shall be accountable to the City Manager for the proper functioning of his Department. The Fire Chief shall have control at all times over all of the fire fighting apparatus, equipment, men and quarters used by the Fire Department. He shall be responsible for the care and condition of the apparatus, equipment and quarters and for the proper training and discipline of members of the Department. He shall make a report in January of each year to the City Council and City Manager as to the condition of the equipment and needs of the Fire Department. He may submit additional reports and recommendations from time to time as he deems necessary and appropriate. (Ref. §202.020, Code 1966; Ord.No. 645, 12/9/80)

§404.030 FIRE DEPARTMENT; ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF. The Senior Assistant Fire Chief shall, in the absence of the Fire Chief, perform all the functions and exercise all the authority of the Chief. (Ref. §202.050, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)

§404.040 FIRE DEPARTMENT; MEMBERSHIP. Members of the Fire Department shall reside within a reasonable distance of the City as is determined by the Fire Chief. Members shall not be less than eighteen (18) years of age and physically fit to perform their duties. Membership in the Department may be held in accordance with the existing by-laws of the Fire Department and dismissal of any member for cause may take place in accordance with said by-laws. Members may be suspended by the Chief for refusal or neglect to obey orders, pending such action as will be taken by the Department at the first (1st) meeting following the suspension. (Ref. §202.060, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)

§404.050 FIRE DEPARTMENT; COMPENSATION. The volunteer members and officers of the Fire Department shall receive compensation as is established yearly by the City Council. The Fire Chief's salary shall be set by the City Council along with other management salaries. Such salaries shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk for Public inspection during normal business hours. (Ref. §202.070, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)

§404.060 FIRE DEPARTMENT; FIREMEN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION. The members and officers of the

Fire Department shall organize themselves into a Firemen's Relief Association. (Ref. §202.080, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)

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§404.070 FIRE DEPARTMENT; RECORDS. The Chief shall keep on a convenient form a complete record of all fires. Such record shall include the time of the alarm, location of fire, cause of fire (if known), type of building, name of owner and tenant, purpose for which occupied, value of building and contents, amount of insurance carried and probable damage, members of the Department responding to the alarm and such other information as he may deem advisable or as may be required from time to time by the City Council or the State Insurance Department. (Ref. §202.030, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)

§404.080 FIRE DEPARTMENT; DRILLS. The Fire Chief shall hold practice drills as he deems necessary for the Fire Department. He shall provide for giving the firemen instructions in approved methods of fire fighting and fire prevention. (Ref. §202.040, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)

§404.090 FIRE DEPARTMENT; POLICE POWER. The members and officers of the Fire Department shall have police power during a fire or when responding to or returning from an alarm of fire. (Ref. §202.090, Code 1966; Ord. No. 645, 12/9/80)