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FIRE PROTECTION AND FIREWORKS¹

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7-101. Fire department prohibited from connecting to restrictive fire hydrants. The Norris City Fire Department is prohibited from connecting to restrictive fire hydrants--hydrants which cannot produce 500 gpm at 20 psi. (1972 Code, § 7-101)

7-102. When tanker trucks may connect to restrictive fire hydrants. Tanker trucks may connect to restrictive fire hydrants where they can take water by gravity flow without pumping from the fire hydrant. Pumper trucks that are modified so that water flows from the fire hydrant by gravity flow into the water tank on a pumper may be used, provided the fire department provides the City of Norris a written statement that it has modified its pumpers and has implemented policies to ensure that the pumper will not pump directly from the fire hydrant. (1972 Code, § 7-102)

7-103. City manager to forward copy of this chapter. The city manager is directed to forward, by certified mail, a copy of this chapter to all mutual aid fire departments where Norris city fire hydrants are located. (1972 Code, § 7-103)

¹Municipal code reference

Building, utility and housing codes: title 12.

7-104. City manager to inform emergency service agencies of location of hydrants not meeting state requirements. The city manager is directed to inform the volunteer fire departments and other emergency service agencies of the location of each fire hydrant that does not meet state requirements. (1972 Code, § 7-104)

CHAPTER 2

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7-201. Creation and objective. A department to be hereafter known as the Norris Volunteer Fire Department is hereby created. The department's objective shall be the prevention and suppression of fire and the protection of life and property from fire within the limits of the City of Norris. (1972 Code, § 7-301)

7-202. Officers. (1) The department shall consist of the director of public safety, an assistant chief, other officers, volunteer firemen, salaried public safety officers, as the public safety department, and the city manager may deem necessary for the effective operation of the department.

(2) The assistant chief shall be appointed by the city manager for an indefinite period of time and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct, efficiency, and willingness to serve. The assistant chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence.

(3) The assistant chief and all other volunteer department and company officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership and appointed by the city manager. (1972 Code, § 7-302)

7-203. Organization relationship of fire and public safety departments. At the scene of a fire, at training sessions, and in maintenance of equipment the public safety director, or in his absence the assistant chief or ranking fire officer present, shall have sole authority over all fire fighters,

¹Municipal code reference

Special privileges with respect to traffic: title 15, chapter 2.

volunteer or paid, and over use of equipment. The public safety director shall maintain and post a list of ranking for all paid and volunteer men which shall determine chain of command on the fire scene. The city manager shall approve such list. (1972 Code, § 7-303)

7-204. Powers and duties of the director. (1) The director shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the department within the limits of this chapter and shall be responsible to the city manager for the volunteer personnel, morale, and general efficiency of the department.

(2) The director shall determine the number and kind of companies of which the department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such companies to alarms.

(3) The director shall at least once a month conduct drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid, rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the City of Norris, fire prevention, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety of life and property from fire.

(4) The director is hereby required to assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or causing to be investigated the cause, origin, and circumstances of all fires.

(5) The director or his authorized representative is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found.

(6) Any person so served with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards shall comply therewith and promptly notify the director.

(7) The director shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel, and other information about the work of the department.

(8) The director shall report monthly to the city manager the condition of the apparatus and equipment; the number of fires during the month, their location and cause, and date of same and loss occasioned thereby; the number and purpose of all other runs made; and the number of members responding to each fire or other run.

(9) The director shall make a complete annual report to the city manager within one month after the close of the fiscal year, such report to include the information specified in subsection (7) above, together with comparative data for previous years, and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the department.

(10) The mayor is hereby authorized to enter into agreements or contracts with nearby incorporated communities or governing bodies of other organizations to provide the members of such communities or organizations with fire protection or to establish a mutual aid system, subject to approval by the

city council, and within the limits specified in the Tennessee law. (1972 Code, § 7-304)

7-205. Volunteer membership. (1) The volunteer membership of the department shall consist of such persons as may be elected by majority vote of the volunteers subject to approval and appointment by the city manager.

(2) Any volunteer member of the department may be suspended or discharged from the department by the public safety director at any time he may deem necessary for the good of the department. In such cases the public safety director shall notify the member in writing, giving the specific reasons for the action therefor. (1972 Code, § 7-305)

7-206. Equipment. (1) In acquisition of equipment the department shall specify National Fire Protection Association standards.

(2) Apparatus and equipment shall be purchased according to city charter provisions and in a manner designated by the city council.

(3) All equipment of the department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the city council.

(4) No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person wilfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the department.

(5) No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the department unless accompanied by, or having the special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the department.

(6) No apparatus shall be hired out or permitted to leave the City of Norris, except in response to a call for aid at a fire in a neighboring community, without the consent of the city council. The officer in charge of the department shall have power to assign equipment for response to calls for outside aid in accordance with § 7-204(10) and in other cases only when the absence of such equipment will not jeopardize protection in the City of Norris. (1972 Code, § 7-306)

7-207. Identification of fire personnel and vehicles; right-of-way; interference with department; false alarms. (1) Each member of the department shall be issued a badge designating his rank.

(2) All marked motor equipment and all marked personal cars of department members shall have the right-of-way over all other traffic when responding to an alarm.

(3) Department members are authorized to attach fire department insignias to their automobiles to facilitate entry to fire areas.

(4) No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hoses except upon specific orders from the chief or other officer in charge.

(5) No unauthorized person with any vehicle shall follow within six hundred (600) feet of any apparatus belonging to the department nor park any vehicle within three hundred (300) feet of a fire.

(6) No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm. (1972 Code, § 7-307)

7-208. Enforcement. (1) Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty under the general penalty clause for this code.

(2) All regularly appointed members of the department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter. (1972 Code, § 7-308)

7-209. Social officers. (1) The fire department may elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, to be known as social officers. Such officers may be elected in any manner and for any term the membership may decide upon and their duties shall be to arrange for and manage any or all social functions sponsored by the department.

(2) The functions and duties of the social officers shall in no wise interfere with those of the regular department officers who are charged with responsibility for all fire service activities of the department. (1972 Code, § 7-309)

7-210. Compensation of volunteer members. All active volunteer members of the fire department will be compensated at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per year. (1972 Code, § 7-310)

CHAPTER 3

FIREWORKS

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7-301. Sale and manufacture of fireworks prohibited. The sale or manufacture of any fireworks within the corporate limits of the City of Norris, Tennessee, is prohibited. (as added by Ord. #585, Oct. 2015)

7-302. Definition of fireworks. "Fireworks" means and includes any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, or toy guns in which explosives are used, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, Daygo bombs, sparklers, or other devices of like construction and any devices containing any explosive or flammable compound, or any tablet or other device containing an explosive substance, except that the term "fireworks" shall not include any auto flares, paper caps containing not in excess of an average of twenty-five hundredths (.25) of a grain of explosive content per cap, and toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns or other devices for use of such caps, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times. (as added by Ord. #585, Oct. 2015)

7-303. Discharge of fireworks prohibited within the city. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any type of fireworks within the city limits. (as added by Ord. #585, Oct. 2015)

7-304. Violations. It shall be unlawful for any person or organization to violate any provision of this chapter. Violations shall be punished according to the general penalty provision of this code of ordinances. (as added by Ord. #585, Oct. 2015)

7-305. Public fireworks displays. Public fireworks displays will be permitted under the following conditions:

- (1) Public fireworks display is a city sponsored event
- (2) A draft site plan showing the location and lay-out of the area where the fireworks will be discharged will be required.

(3) Documented approval by the state fire marshal and other units of government as may be required by law. (as added by Ord. #585, Oct. 2015)