

75.00 FIRE DEPARTMENT

75.01 Fire Department Continued. There is hereby continued in this City a volunteer fire department consisting of not more than 28 fire fighters.

75.02 Selection. The chief of the fire department shall be elected annually by the members of the department, subject to confirmation by the Council. The chief shall appoint three captains and assistant chief. Each shall hold office for one year and until his successor has been duly elected, except that he may be removed by the Council for cause after a public hearing. Firefighters and probationary firefighters shall be appointed by the members of the department, subject to confirmation by the Council. Firefighters shall continue as members of the department during good behavior and may be removed by the Council only for cause after a public hearing.

75.03 Duties of Chief. The chief shall have control of all the fire fighting apparatus and shall be solely responsible for its care and condition. He shall submit reports and recommendations at any meeting of the Council, and he shall report each suspension by him of a member of the fire department at the first meeting of the Council following such suspension. He shall be responsible for the proper training and discipline of the members of the fire department, and may suspend any member for refusal or neglect to obey order pending final action by the Council on his discharge or retention. He shall serve as Fire Marshall, and as such, his duties shall be the enforcement of all ordinances aimed at fire prevention. He shall have full authority to inspect all premises and to cause the removal or abatement of all fire hazards.

75.04 Records. The chief shall keep in convenient form a complete record of all fires. Such a 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, 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 Council or state insurance department.

75.05 Practice Drills. The chief and appointed drill instructor shall, when the weather permits, hold a monthly practice drill of at least one hour's duration for the fire department and shall give or arrange for instruction to the firefighters in approved methods of fire fighting and fire prevention.

75.06 Assistant Chief. In the absence or disability of the chief, the assistant chief shall perform all the functions and exercise all of the authority of the chief.

75.07 Firefighters. The assistant chief and firefighters shall be able-bodied and not less than eighteen (18) years of age.

75.08 Loss of Membership. Absence of any firefighter from three consecutive drills or calls unless excused by the chief shall be cause for removal from the department.

75.09 Compensation. Compensation will be set by fire department members subject to Council approval.

75.10 Relief Association. The members and officers of the fire department may organize themselves into a fireman's relief association in accordance with law.

75.11 **Interference with Department.** No person shall give or make or cause to be given or made, a fire alarm without probable cause, or neglect or refuse to obey any reasonable order of the chief at a fire, or interfere with the fire department in the discharge of its duties.

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/s/ William Doering Jr., Mayor

/s/ Mona Doering, City Clerk-Treasurer

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