

CHAPTER VII. FIRE PROTECTION

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7-101. FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED.

- (a) There is hereby established a fire department to extinguish and prevent fires in the city and in such other places as the city council shall by resolution direct, and which shall perform duties in connection therewith as the governing body shall, from time to time, by ordinance direct.
- (b) The fire department shall maintain and operate rescue equipment to be used within the city and in such other places as the governing body shall by resolution direct.
- (c) The fire department shall maintain and operate the fire department building, grounds, and other equipment under the direction of the fire chief.
- (d) The fire department shall be operated under the supervision and administration of the fire chief in accordance with such rules and regulations as the fire chief shall from time to time formulate, copies of which shall be furnished to the city administrator upon request.

(Ord. 1714C; 03-23-98)

7-102. MEMBERSHIP. Membership in the fire department shall consist of three categories which are set forth below:

- (a) Full-time paid personnel who shall be selected in accordance with the "Personnel Rules and Regulations" incorporated by Section 1-306.
- (b) Volunteer firefighters who shall be selected by the fire chief and who shall serve with compensation of \$100 per year paid by the city.
- (c) "On Call", part-time paid personnel who shall be selected in accordance with the "Personnel Rules and Regulations" incorporated by Section 1-306.

(Ord. 1714C; 03-23-98)

(Code 2000)

(Ord. 2300C; 02-04-08)

7-103. FIREFIGHTER'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION. The Firemen's Relief Association of the City of Leawood, Kansas, is hereby authorized:

- (a) The Firefighter's Relief Association of the City of Leawood, Kansas, shall operate under the regulations set forth by the statutes of the State of Kansas under the supervision of the state commissioner of insurance. Each year on or before April 1, the fire chief shall present a copy of the annual report submitted to the commissioner of insurance, which sets forth receipts and disbursements for the year ending the preceding December 31, to the governing body.
- (b) The treasurer of the Firefighter's Relief Association, incorporated, shall be bonded by sureties as required by the laws of the State of Kansas.
- (c) The distribution of funds shall be under such provisions as shall be made by the governing body. In all cases involving expenditures or payments in the amount of \$500 or more, prior certification shall be obtained from the city attorney that such expenditures or payment complies with the requirements of this article.
- (d) Investments as provided for by K.S.A. 40-1706 must be approved by the governing body. It shall be the duty of the city attorney to examine all bonds as to their validity and report thereon in writing to the governing body and the Firefighter's Relief Association until they have been approved and found valid by the city attorney.

(Ord. 1714C; 03-23-98)

(Code 2000)

(Ord. 2300C; 02-04-08)

7-104. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN CITIES IN EMERGENCIES.

- (a) The fire chief is hereby authorized and directed to enter into mutual assistance pacts with the chiefs of the fire departments of such other cities as the chief deems advisable and upon such conditions as he or she deems necessary for the purpose of planning in advance what personnel and equipment of each department will be made mutually available.
- (b) Whenever the necessity arises during any emergency resulting from the existence of a state of war, or from fire, or any other cause, the firefighters and officers of the fire department of the city may, together with all necessary equipment, lawfully go or be sent beyond the territorial limits of the city to any point within the state, to assist in meeting such emergency. The fire chief shall have the right in every case to determine whether or not the city can spare all or any portion of its fire equipment and firefighters at any particular time.

- (c) The fire chief is hereby authorized and directed to enter into mutual assistance pacts with the chiefs of the fire departments of such other cities as the chief deems advisable in order to determine in advance what personnel and equipment of each department will be made mutually available, and upon what conditions.
- (d) In such event the acts performed for such purposes by such firefighters or officers, and the expenditures made for such purpose by the city shall be deemed conclusively to be for a public and government purpose and all of the immunities from liability enjoyed by the city when acting through its firefighters or officers of the fire department for public or governmental purposes within its territorial limits shall be enjoyed by it to the same extent when such city is so acting under this section or under other lawful authority beyond its territorial limits. The firefighters and officers of the fire department of the city, when acting hereunder, or under other lawful authority, beyond the territorial limits of this city, shall have all of the immunities from liability and exemptions from laws, ordinances and regulations and shall have all of the pension, relief, disability and other benefits, enjoyed by them while performing their respective duties within the territorial limits of the city.

(Ord. 1714C; 03-23-98)

7-105. COOPERATION WITH DEFENSE AGENCIES. The fire chief is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with any state, district or local civil defense agency for the purpose of coordinating the chief's mutual assistance pacts with the overall planning of civilian defense.

(Ord. 1714C; 03-23-98)