

## TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION

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3-5-1 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE. A volunteer fire department is established to prevent and extinguish fires and to protect lives and property against fires; to promote fire prevention and fire safety, and to answer all emergency calls for which there is no other established agency; and to provide ambulance service.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.16)

3-5-2 FIRE CHIEF; APPOINTMENT. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor and as otherwise provided by this code and the Code of Iowa. The assistant Fire Chief shall be appointed by the volunteer fire department with the approval of the City Council

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

(Ord. 373, Passed 1979)

3-5-3 FIRE CHIEF; DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief:

1. To command all operations of the department and be responsible for the care, maintenance and use of all vehicles and equipment of the department, including the ambulance equipment;

2. To investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of each fire by which property has been destroyed or damaged or which results in bodily injury to any person. Whenever the Fire Chief finds that bodily injury or property damage of fifty dollars or more was caused by such fire, or if arson is suspected, the Fire Chief shall report in writing the finding and facts relating to the cause and origin of the fire, to the Fire Marshal of the State of Iowa, within one week of the occurrence of the fire. If the Fire Chief believes that a fire was started by design or if a death occurs as the result of a fire, the Fire Chief shall notify the Fire Marshal of the State of Iowa immediately;

3. To be in charge of the ambulance service and shall arrange schedules so that three volunteer fire fighters are available at all times to take care of ambulances calls; 4. To keep a record of the names, ages, and residence of the fire fighters and be responsible for their training and supervision. The Fire Chief shall maintain attendance records for drill meetings, fires and ambulance calls.

5. To promote public interest in fire prevention;

6. Upon finding violations, the Chief or other authorized representative shall make written orders to correct within a reasonable period of time any conditions that are likely to cause fire or endanger other buildings or property. If the provisions of this subsection shall conflict with any other provision of the Code, then the more specific section shall govern.

(Ord. 719, Passed 2012)

7. To perform such other duties as required by State statute and the ordinances of the City.

3-5-4 MEMBERSHIP. The fire department shall consist of a Fire Chief of the fire department, an Assistant Fire Chief, and as many volunteer fire fighters as the Council shall fix, from time to time by resolution; but at not time shall the department have less than eighteen members. Any citizen of the City, at least age eighteen (18) shall be eligible to membership. Prior to appointment as a volunteer fire fighter and every four years thereafter a volunteer fire fighter must pass a medical physical examination. The volunteer fire department, as existing, shall be the fire department under this chapter, but the membership thereof shall be subject to the approval of the Council

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

(Ord. 719, Passed 2012)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.10)

3-5-5 FIRE FIGHTERS DUTIES. When called by the Fire Chief, all fire fighters shall report for duty immediately, in the manner directed by the Fire Chief. They shall be subject to call at any time. They shall obey strictly the commands of any other fire fighter who has been appointed by the Fire Chief to be in command temporarily. Fire fighters shall report to the Fire Chief in advance if they expect to be absent from the City for twelve hours or more. Fire Fighters shall report for training as ordered by the Fire Chief.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 372.13(4))

3-5-6 VACANCIES. All vacancies in the fire department, except for the Fire Chief, shall be filled by the members of the fire department by election, in accordance with rules established by said department; but the election of all new members shall be subject to the approval of the Council.

(Ord. 402, Passed 1965)

3-5-7 REMOVAL. If any fire fighter refuses or neglects to attend any fire, without submitting a sufficient and satisfactory excuse to the Fire Chief of the fire department, or shall

neglect or refuse to do their duty as a fire fighter, or obey the orders of the Fire Chief or the proper commanding officer, or shall leave their post of duty at a fire, without permission of the Fire Chief or officer in charge, or violate or ignore any rule or regulation established by the Council, the fire fighter shall be subject to expulsion from the fire department.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

(Ord. 719, Passed 2012)

3-5-8 RULES BY COUNCIL. The Council may adopt such rules and regulations, in regard to the fire department, not inconsistent with the Ordinances, or the laws of the State.

3-5-9 RULES BY DEPARTMENT. The fire department may adopt such constitution, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the Ordinances or the laws of the State, as the members deem advisable; but such constitution, rules and regulations or changes in such constitution, rules and regulations, before being effective, shall be approved by the Council.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

3-5-10 COMPENSATION. The Fire Chief shall receive such compensation as may from time to time be established by resolution of the Council. The Council shall, by resolution, establish the money to be paid to the volunteer fire department for the benefit of volunteer fire fighters, including ambulance crews; and may, by resolution, provide for compensation to volunteer fire fighters.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

3-5-11 WORKER'S COMPENSATION AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure the City against liability for worker's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing, and medical attention for volunteer fire fighters injured in the performance of their duties as fire fighters. All volunteer fire fighters shall be covered by the contract.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

(Ord. 719, Passed 2012)

3-5-12 LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Council shall contract to insure against liability of the City or members of the department for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the performance of departmental duties.

(Ord. 222, Passed 1965)

3-5-13 FIRES AND AMBULANCE CALLS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS. The department shall answer calls to fires and other emergencies outside the City limits if the Fire Chief determines that such emergency exists and that such action will not endanger persons and property within the City limits or pursuant to an agreement with the County or Township.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.16)

(ECIA Model Code Amended in 2014)

3-5-14 AMBULANCE SERVICE FEES. The schedule of fees shall be applicable to services provided by the Camanche Municipal Ambulance Service and shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

(Ord. 701, Passed 3009)

(Ord. 764, Passed July 2, 2019)