

CHAPTER 4

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS

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Section 4-1-1 Created; Composition

The Council may provide for the creation of a police department for the Town which shall consist of a Chief of Police who shall also serve as Town Marshal, and as many policemen as may from time to time be deemed necessary by the Council for the safety and good order of the Town.

Section 4-1-2 Appointment of Officers

The Chief of Police shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Council shall appoint as many policemen as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the safety and good order of the Town.

Section 4-1-3 Compensation of Officers

The Chief of Police and the policemen of the Town shall be compensated as determined by the Council. The Chief of Police shall not receive any prerequisites, commissions, or compensations for his/her services as Chief of Police, Town Marshal or tax collector, except as the Council may prescribe.

Section 4-1-4 Departmental Rules and Regulations

The police department shall be operated and managed in accordance with such departmental rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Council.

Section 4-1-5 Duties of Police Department

It is the duty of the police department, under the direction of the Chief of Police, to:

- A. Enforce this code and the statutes of the State of Arizona within jurisdictional limits as conferred by law and to arrest and charge the violators thereof.
- B. Render such account of the police department, its duties, and receipts as may be required by the Council, and keep records of the office open to inspection by the Council at any time.

- C. Direct traffic and ensure the orderly flow thereof and investigate and make reports of traffic accidents.
- D. Inspect and ascertain the condition of traffic control devices of every description which have been erected within the Town on the authority of the Council and to notify the Council of any defects found therein.
- E. Perform such additional duties as may be required by the Council.

Section 4-1-6 Answering Calls Outside the Town

The members of the police department of the Town are duly authorized to answer calls for aid and assistance beyond the corporate limits of the Town pursuant to mutual aid agreements and state statutes.

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* State law reference. A.R.S. Section 9-240(B)(7)

Section 4-2-1 Created; Composition

There is hereby created a volunteer fire department for the Town which shall consist of a Fire Chief, an Assistant Fire Chief, a Secretary, Captains, Lieutenant, Equipment Officer and as many firefighters and emergency medical personnel as may be necessary as determined by the Fire Chief and approved by the Town Manager.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-2 Departmental Rules and Regulations

The fire department shall be operated and managed in accordance with such departmental rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Council.

Section 4-2-3 Compensation

The Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and members of the fire department shall be compensated as determined by the Council.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-4 Appointment; Powers and Duties of Fire Chief

The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Town Council. Members of the Fire Department may submit for Council's consideration their nomination(s) for that position.

The Assistant Fire Chief shall be chosen by the Fire Chief, subject to the approval of the Town Manager.

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief to:

- A. Be accountable to the Council for the personnel, morale and general efficiency of the fire department.
- B. Direct the operations of the fire department, subject to the rules and regulations thereof.
- C. Be present at all fires, if possible, and plan and direct the extinguishment thereof. During the progress of a fire the authority of the fire Chief shall be absolute in all matters concerning the extinguishment of the fire and the disposition of property endangered by the fire.
- D. Conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), rescue work, salvage, a study of the buildings in the Town, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good fire management and the safety of life and property from fire or other dangers.
- E. 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.
- F. Inspect buildings and premises and serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found. For the purpose of conducting such inspection, the Fire Chief is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises within the Town at any reasonable hour. Any person served with such written notice shall comply and notify the Fire Chief of their compliance within a reasonable time.
- G. Keep complete records of all fires, inspections, apparatus and equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the department open to Council or Town Manager inspection and furnish to the Council or Manager such information upon request.
- H. Make a complete annual report, in writing, to the Council at such time as may be specified by the Council, and such report shall include the information specified in Section 4-2-4 (G),

together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the department.

- I. Enforce or cause to be enforced all ordinances, laws and regulations of the Town and state, insofar as they pertain to fire and life safety.
- J. Demote, dismiss or expel any officer or member of the fire department for neglect, refusal to perform departmental duties, insubordination, or unacceptable behavior, subject to the right of any members so demoted, dismissed or expelled to appeal to the Council.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10; Ord. 433, 7/11/2017]

Section 4-2-5 Appointment and Duties of Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel

Firefighters and emergency medical personnel shall be appointed at such time and in such manner as the Fire Chief may deem necessary. Such appointees shall be residents of the Town or those whose business activities are normally within the confines of the Town. The firefighters and emergency medical personnel shall be subject to supervision by the Fire Chief or the Assistant Fire Chief.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-6 Entry Upon Adjacent Property

It is lawful for any firefighter acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or other officer in command to enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property that is on fire for the purpose of extinguishing such fire, and no person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any firefighter in the discharge of his/her or her duty as hereinbefore provided.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-7 Equipment

The fire department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire. Recommendations concerning apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the Fire Chief, and after approval by the Town Manager or Council, such apparatus and equipment shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the Town Manager or Council. All equipment of the fire department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such place or places as may be designated by the Town Manager or Council. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully take away or conceal any article used in any way by the fire department. No person shall enter any place where the fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the fire department unless accompanied by, or having special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the fire department. No fire apparatus or equipment shall be hired out or permitted to leave the fire station except for training purposes, participation in parades, maintenance, service testing, official business of the fire department, in response to a call for service

within the corporate limits of the Town or in response to a call for service in an area authorized for automatic or mutual aid under the provisions of Section 4-2-8.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-8 Providing Fire, Rescue and EMS Services for Non-Residents

The Jerome Town Council may enter into agreements or contracts to furnish fire, rescue and EMS medical protection outside the Town, and may enter into aid agreements. The fire department is authorized to render fire, rescue and EMS services pursuant to the terms of such agreement or contract. The fire department is further authorized to answer fire alarms and fight fires beyond the Town limits, whenever the Fire Chief, in his/her discretion, shall deem it necessary to protect lives and property.

Fees are established to compensate the Town for rendered service. Unless otherwise provided, all contracts, except with the State Land Department, and other mutual aid agreements will be charged at rates set by Resolution of the Town Council.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10; Ord. No. 473, 8/10/21]

Section 4-2-9 Acknowledgment of Right of Way

Each member of the department who drives a private motor vehicle shall be issued a suitable insignia which may be attached to such motor vehicle. All motor vehicles of the fire department shall have right of way over all other traffic when responding to a call for service. No unauthorized vehicle shall follow within six hundred feet (600') of any apparatus belonging to the fire department nor park any vehicle within ten feet of the entrance to any fire station or other place where fire apparatus is stored, or within fifteen feet (15') of any fire hydrant. No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hoses or ropes except upon specific orders from the Fire Chief or other officer in charge where hoses or ropes are used.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-10 Fire Alarms

Suitable arrangements shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm and for notifying all members of the fire department so that they may promptly respond. It is unlawful for any person to knowingly turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

Section 4-2-11 Orders of Fire Chief

It is unlawful for any citizen to refuse to obey an order issued by the Fire Chief or his/her designate pursuant to his/her authority on an emergency scene.

[Ord. 369, 4/13/10]

ARTICLE 4-3 **Adoption of the International Fire Code**

See Article 7-9, "International Fire Code."

[Ord. 176, 5/10/1977; Ord. 369, 4/13/10; Ord. 418, 6/14/16]