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FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. **ESTABLISHED.** There is hereby created and established the Fire Department which shall be so organized and administered as the City Manager shall from time to time direct, and which shall consist of the Fire Chief and such other officers and employees as the Council may from time to time authorize.

2. **CHIEF.** There is hereby created the office of Fire Chief, the occupant whereof shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the City Manager at will.

3. **APPOINTMENTS AND RULES.** The Fire Chief shall be the appointing officer of the occupants of all classified positions assigned to said department, and may make reasonable rules, regulations and directives not in conflict with law or ordinance to govern and administer the activities and carry out the duties and responsibilities thereof, subject to the direction and control of the City Manager.

4. **DEPARTMENT DUTIES.** The Fire Department is designated the primary department having jurisdiction of and responsibility for fire suppression, fire prevention, fire cause or origin determination, arson detection and investigation, rescue of persons, and special services including, but not limited to, emergency medical service and the encouragement of the prevention of fire.

5. **USE OF EQUIPMENT; PENALTY.** No person shall use any motor vehicle, equipment, appurtenance, tool or apparatus of the City assigned to the Fire Department for any

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private purpose, or tamper with, remove, damage, or deface the same, or interfere with the use of the same by members of the Department or others authorized so to do. Any person who violates any provisions of this Section shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

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