

Chapter 203

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

ARTICLE I

Fire Department

Section 203.010. Creation Of A Fire Department. [CC 1992 § 70.010]

There is hereby created a Fire Department in the City of Center, Missouri, for general fire protection, and for safeguarding the lives and property of the citizens in case of fire, to be officered and managed by Fire Chief and deputies as hereinafter provided.

Section 203.020. Fire Chief, Appointment And Qualifications, Removal. [CC 1992 § 70.020]

The Mayor, with the consent and approval of a majority of the members elected to the Board of Aldermen, shall appoint some civil person to the office of Chief of the Fire Department; said appointment to be made at the same time and in the same manner as other appointive officers of the City, and, unless sooner removed, shall hold his/her office for a term of one (1) year, or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be appointed to the office of the Chief of the Fire Department who shall not, at the time of his/her appointment, be a qualified voter under the laws of the State of Missouri. Before entering upon the duties of his/her office, he/she shall take and subscribe to the oath of affirmation required of other City officers.

Section 203.030. Duties Of The Fire Chief. [CC 1992 § 70.030]

The Chief of the Fire Department shall be the legal custodian of the fire engine, fire truck, hose, ladders and any other apparatus or equipment for extinguishing fire belonging to the City, and it shall be his/her duty to see that such equipment is kept clean, in thorough repair and at all times ready for action at the expense of the City.

Section 203.040. Appointment Of Deputies. [CC 1992 § 70.040]

The Chief of the Fire Department, upon taking office, may by and with the consent of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, appoint two (2) regular deputies to assist him/her in the performance of his/her duties at fires, who shall rank in order of appointment as assistants, one being the first assistant and the other being the second assistant, who shall, whenever necessary and in the absence of the Chief, perform all the duties of the Chief of the Fire Department.

Section 203.050. Powers Of Chief And Deputies During A Fire. [CC 1992 § 70.050]

During the progress of a fire, the Chief of the Fire Department and his/her deputies shall have sole control of the fire engines, fire truck, and other fire apparatus of the City, and shall have power to call to his/her aid and assistance in fighting and controlling any fire every able-bodied

citizen of the City present under sixty (60) years of age. The deputies of the Chief of the Fire Department shall rank in order of their appointment and shall obey each other accordingly.

Section 203.060. Members Of Fire Department. [CC 1992 § 70.060]

Able-bodied citizens having all the qualifications heretofore prescribed for the Chief of the Fire Department, to the number of not to exceed forty (40), may be enlisted by the Chief as members of the Fire Department, and shall after enlistment regularly made by signing the roll kept by said Chief, a duplicate of which shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City and shall be revised and corrected in January and July of each year, hold their positions during the term of said Chief unless sooner discharged by him/her; provided, however, that every able-bodied citizen under sixty (60) years of age present at any fire in the City limits shall be subject and obedient to the orders of the Chief of the Fire Department and his/her regular deputies in extinguishing fires and the removal and protection of property; and in case any such person shall refuse to obey orders, he/she shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than twenty five dollars (\$25.00).

Section 203.070. Destruction Of Equipment. [CC 1992 § 70.080]

It shall be unlawful for any person in any manner to willfully destroy or deface any engine, fire truck, hose, carrier or reel, hose or any other fire apparatus or equipment, or other property belonging to the Fire Department.

Section 203.080. Compensation. [CC 1992 § 70.110]

The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chiefs, and members of the Fire Department shall be compensated for their services an amount determined by the Board of Aldermen.

Section 203.090. Cooperative Agreement. [CC 1992 § 70.120]

The Fire Department, through the Board of Aldermen of the City of Center, Missouri, is hereby authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the Center Rural Fire Department, and with the fire departments of towns within a fifty-mile radius of the City of Center. Furthermore, Ordinance No. 144, adopted by the Board of Aldermen on April 1, 1985, whereby a contract with the Cities of Paris, Shelbyville, Shelbina, Palmyra, Frankford, Louisiana, New London, Hannibal, Clarence, Vandalia, and Perry was entered into for the operation and interchange of common services of the respective fire departments, is hereby incorporated and ratified.

Section 203.100. through Section 203.120. (Reserved)

ARTICLE II
Division Of Emergency Medical First Responders

Section 203.130. Creation Of Center's Emergency Medical First Responders. [Ord. No. 179 § 1, 4-7-2004]

The City does hereby create the City of Center's Emergency Medical First Responders, which shall be a subdivision of the Fire Department of the City of Center, Missouri. Only such persons that are certified first responders in the State of Missouri shall serve in such capacity. No person

shall be a member of the Emergency Medical First Responders Division of the City of Center Fire Department unless approved by a majority of the Board of Aldermen.

Section 203.140. Duties And Day-To-Day Operations. [Ord. No. 179 § 2, 4-7-2004]

Administrative duties and supervision of day to day operations of the Emergency Medical First Responders shall be conducted by the Director of the Emergency Medical First Responders. It shall be the duty of every member of the Emergency Medical First Responders to adhere to all rules and regulations applicable to the City of Center Emergency Medical First Responders as set forth by any Federal, State, or local rule, regulation or ordinance.

Section 203.150. Removal Of Members. [Ord. No. 179 § 3, 4-7-2004]

Any person may be removed from the City of Center Emergency Medical First Responders by majority of the Board of Aldermen.

Section 203.160. Expenditures. [Ord. No. 179 § 4, 4-7-2004]

The City of Center Emergency Medical First Responders are not authorized to expend any funds on behalf of the City of Center, Missouri, without such expenditure being approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Aldermen.