

Chapter 1-12

FIRE CHIEF

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Section 1-12-1 Appointment

The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the **City Administrator**, pursuant to Civil Service Procedures.
(Ord. 04-O-99-2000, Amended, 03/06/2000)

Section 1-12-2 Supervision

The Chief of the fire department shall have general direction and control of the fire department, subject to the supervision of the City Administrator.

Section 1-12-3 Direction and Command

The Fire Chief shall have command, control and direction of all members of the fire department and of all other persons, officers or police, who may be present at fires. He/she may call upon any persons at a fire to assist the firemen in their duties.

Section 1-12-4 Fire Equipment

The Fire Chief shall have the general supervision and control of all buildings used by the fire department, and of any truck, hose, engine, machinery, alarm system or apparatus used by or connected with the fire department. He/she shall carefully examine the condition of all such property and see that the same is at all times in good repair and in good condition and report to the City Administrator any alteration or addition required, and shall, with the consent of the City Administrator, cause all necessary repairs to be made without delay.

Section 1-12-5 Report

The Fire Chief shall keep a correct roll of all members of the department, the date of admission and discharge, with compensation for services and amounts due each member.

Section 1-12-6 Fire Zone

The Fire Chief may prescribe the limits, in the vicinity of the fire, within which no persons, except those residing therein, members of the fire department and members of the police force and those admitted by the Fire Chief or his/her subordinate shall be permitted to come.

Section 1-12-7 Removal of Building

The Fire Chief shall have power, when in his/her judgment it becomes necessary to check or control any fire, to order any fence, building, or erection of any kind to be cut down and removed and with the consent of the City Administrator, he/she shall have power to cause any building or erection to be blown up with explosives for the purpose of checking or extinguishing a fire.

Section 1-12-8 Tear Down Buildings

The Fire Chief shall have power, with the consent of the City Administrator, to tear down any portion of any building that may be standing after a fire which, in their judgment, may be dangerous to persons or property.

Section 1-12-9 Remove Wires

The Fire Chief or his/her representative, shall have the power to cause the removal of all wires or the turning off of all electrical current whenever the same interferes with the work of the fire department.

Section 1-12-10 Fire Preventive Measures

The Chief or his/her designated representative may at least once each month, or more often if required by the City Administrator, make inspection of all business buildings, including basements of same, also chimneys, and make a written report in duplicate giving one copy to the occupant and one to the City Administrator and shall see that all fire preventive measures issued from any proper authority are carried out and enforced.

Section 1-12-11 Reports

The Fire Chief shall make reports to the City Administrator with regard to his/her duties and to the Council and Mayor upon request from either.

Section 1-12-12 Other Duties

The Fire Chief shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be provided by the Council, the provisions of this Code or the laws of the State, and shall transmit to his/her successor in office all books, papers, documents and property.