

CHAPTER IV.

FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

Article 1.

Organization of Fire Department

4.0101 Establishment.

There is hereby created and established a fire department, and if hereto created, such department is hereby continued, consisting of a chief, and such other members of said fire department as may from time to time be provided for by the governing body. Members shall be appointed in the manner provided by law.

4.0102 Supervision.

The fire chief shall have the control, subject to the order and direction of the governing body, of the fire department and all fire apparatus belonging to the city; whenever any fire apparatus needs repairing said fire chief shall cause the same to be done without delay.

1. To command and control: It shall be the duty of the chief of the department to preserve order and discipline at all times in the department, and to require and force a strict compliance with the ordinances of the city relating to his department and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto. At all fires he shall have sole and absolute control and command over all persons connected with the fire department of the city.
2. To keep property in good condition. To keep property in good condition to see that all apparatus and property committed to his care and the several buildings or portions thereof, are kept clean and in good sanitary condition.
3. To have charge of alarm system. To have charge of alarm system of the city.

4. To control crowds at fires. The Chief of the fire department may prescribe limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons, except those who reside therein, firemen and policemen, and those admitted by his order.
5. To order removal of property, when. To order the removal of property, whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire or to prevent the spreading of fire, or to protect adjoining property.
6. To command assistance. To command assistance from persons in attendance at any fire, not members of the fire department, for the extinguishing of fires.

4.0104 Police Powers.

All members of the fire department of the City, while on active duty, shall have the powers of policemen on duty are authorized to arrest any person or persons who shall interfere or attempt to interfere with or to hinder any member of the department in the performance of his duty.

4.0105 Unlawful to Hinder Department.

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, interfere with, or in any manner hinder the fire department, or any member thereof, while engaged in the discharge of duty at a fire, or to disobey any lawful command of the chief or acting chief of the department.

4.0106 Right of Way.

Any engine, truck or apparatus belonging to the fire department shall, going to or returning from a fire, have the right-of-way in all streets, alleys and public places over any wagon, street car, automobile or other vehicle of any

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kind whatever, and any person in charge of any such vehicle must stop the same when necessary to permit any engine, truck or apparatus of the Fire Department to pass without hindrance or delay.

4.0107 Driving Over Fire Hoses.

No person shall drive any team, wagon, cart, street car, railroad car, steam engine, automobile, or other vehicle of any kind whatever, upon or over any hose belonging to the Fire Department while the same is laid in the streets and alleys of the city.

4.0108 False Alarms.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire, or to give or cause to be given, while a fire is in progress, a second or general alarm for the same fire, or tamper with or set off any fire alarm or signal box withlike intent; or tamper, meddle, or interfere with any such fire alarm box; or intentionally cut, break, deface or remove any such box, or any of the wires or supports thereof, connected with the fire alarm system; or intentionally interfere with or injure any property of any kind belonging to or used by the fire department; or hinder or delay any apparatus or equipment or vehicle belonging to the fire department.

4.0109 Taking Fire Equipment.

No person shall take, receive or attempt to receive or take from the possession and control of any member of the Fire Department, any of the apparatus, tools or property belonging to said department, without the written consent of the chief of the fire department.

4.0110 Entering Fire Department.

No person shall occupy any rooms in any building which are used exclusively by the fire department, or enter such rooms or handle any apparatus used by the fire department without permission.

4.0111 Service Outside Corporate Limits.

Members of the fire department are authorized to go outside the corporate limits of the city for the purpose of rendering aid to other fire departments, or of extinguishing fires or rendering aid in the case of accidents. Provided, that the fire department shall not render such service outside the corporate limits excepting upon orders of the chief of the fire department, the assistant chief or presiding officer of the governing body; excepting that where the city has undertaken by contract to render service to property outside the corporate limits the fire department may leave the corporate limits in the fulfillment of such contract.

Article 2.

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All those parts of the City which have been zoned for commercial or industrial use or that may hereafter be so zoned, is hereby defined and shall be known as and constitute the fire limits of the City of Columbus.

4.0202 Exterior Covering.

It shall be unlawful to construct any building or structure within the fire limits unless the exterior walls and roof thereof are covered with or constructed of noninflammable material.

4.0203 Repairs.

It shall be unlawful to repair any existing frame building within the fire limits after the same has been damaged by any cause to fifty (50) percent of its value. Any existing frame building in the fire limits may be brick veneered. Any frame building damaged by fire or otherwise over 50% of its value shall be torn and removed.

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4.0204 Storage of Flammable Liquids.

No new bulk plants or tanks for storage of flammable liquids shall be permitted with the limits of the City of Columbus.