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Sections 8.01.010 Fire Department established

There shall be a Fire Department in and for the City to be known as the "Coffman Cove Fire Department." It shall consist of a Fire Chief and Assistant Chief(s), and as many other officers and firefighters as may be deemed necessary for the effective operation of the department.

Section 8.01.020 Volunteer Fire Department organization

Members of the Fire Department may organize into a voluntary association with the election of their own officers and by-laws.

Section 8.01.030 Limitation on powers of Volunteer Fire Department

The functions and duties of the officers of the Fire Department shall not interfere with those of the regular department officers who are charged with responsibility for all fire service activities of the department. The volunteer association shall in no way limit the power of the Fire Chief. All property used by the Fire Department shall be paid by check upon proper voucher by the regular City authorities.

Section 8.01.040 Funding by the City

From time to time, in such amounts as the Council deems advisable, payments may be made to the volunteer department for the purpose of giving that association funds with which to reimburse members for clothing damaged while attending fires and for such other purposes in keeping with its functions.

Sections 8.01.050 Fire Chief

- A. Appointment: The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Council and shall be responsible to that body. The appointment shall be for an indefinite period of time and with tenure of office depending upon the good conduct and efficiency. The Fire Chief shall be technically qualified through training and experience and shall have the ability of command. The Fire Chief shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing before the Council.

- B. Powers and Duties:
 - 1. The Fire Chief shall determined the number and kind of companies of which the Department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such companies.

 - 2. The Fire Chief shall appoint all other officers and firefighters (both paid and volunteer). Such appointments shall, in so far as possible, follow fair and impartial competitive examination. All officers shall be accountable to the Fire Chief or the Chief's representative.

 - 3. The Fire Chief shall annually submit a tentative budget for the department upon request of the Council.

 - 4. The Fire Chief shall assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or causing to be investigating the cause, origin, and circumstances of all fires.

Section 8.01.060 Rules and regulations

The Fire Chief shall maintain and enforce an up-to-date comprehensive set of rules and regulations governing the discipline, training, and operation of the Fire Department. Such rules, regulations, and any deletions, changes, or additions shall be effective when approved and filed with the Council. The Fire Chief shall carry out strictly the enforcement of these rules and regulations and is authorized to suspend or remove from service any officer or firefighter as provided in the rules and regulations.

Section 8.01.070 Training and records

- A. Drills and Training: The Fire Chief or the Chief's representative shall, at least two times per month, provide for suitable drills covering the operation and handling of all equipment essential for efficient department operation. In addition, the Chief shall provide, at least four times per year, sessions of instruction to include such subjects as first aid, water supplies, and other subjects related to fire suppression.

- B. Records: The Fire Chief shall see that complete records are kept of all apparatus, equipment, personnel, training, inspections, fires, and other department activities.

- C. Reports: Current records and comparative data for the previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Department shall be included in an annual report. Such other reports as may be required concerning the Department in general, giving suggestions and recommendations for major improvements, and listing other data so as to maintain a complete record of the activities of the Department shall also be prepared.

Section 8.01.080 Equipment

- A. The Fire Chief shall be responsible for recommending such apparatus or other fire fighting equipment as may be required to maintain fire department efficiency to the Council, and providing suitable arrangements and equipment for reporting fires or emergencies, and for notifying all members of the Department to assure prompt response to such incidents.

- B. The Fire Chief or the Chief's representative shall have power to assign equipment for response to calls for outside aid where agreements are in force and in other cases only when

the absence of such equipment will not jeopardize protection of this City.

- C. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.
- D. No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle apparatus or equipment belonging to the Department unless accompanied by or have the special permission of an officer or authorized member of the Department.

Section 8.01.090 Private vehicles of volunteers

- A. Insignia: Each member of the Department driving a private vehicle shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the vehicle designating him/her as a member of the Department.
- B. Blue Lights: All personal vehicles of Department members shall be equipped with a flashing blue light and shall have a right-of-way over all other traffic when responding to an alarm, but shall observe all City traffic ordinances.

(Ordinance 98-1)

Chapter 8.02

Sections:

8.02.010 Hunting Within Residential Area

It is unlawful to hunt wild game animals within the residential areas by any means including but not limited to traps, bows and arrows, any pistol, rifle, gun or other types of firearms. Residential areas will be defined as subdivided areas within the city limits recorded with the Department of Natural Resources land office.