

CHAPTER 33: FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CREATION AND ORGANIZATION

§ 33.01 REAFFIRMATION OF EXISTENCE.

(A) The name of the Fire Department shall be "Morehead Fire Department," and its existence is reaffirmed. Its objective shall be the preservation and protection of life and property from and during such fires as may occur within or about the corporate limits of this city, and the prevention of fires within the corporate limits of this city.

(B) The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and equipment as may be provided by the city from time to time, and shall be mechanically safe and conveniently housed in a station or stations as may be provided by the city.

(Ord. passed 10-27-31; Am. Ord. 4-14-80; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08)

§ 33.02 OFFICERS.

(A) Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Board of City Council.

Cross-reference:

Fire Chief powers and duties, see § 38.08

(B) Assistant Fire Chief. The Assistant Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor with consent of the Board of City Council. The Fire Chief shall inform the Mayor as to the individual recommended by a majority vote of the membership. The term of office shall be for two (2) years.

(C) Captains, secretary, training officer, safety officer and chaplain. These officers shall be elected in accordance with the standard operation procedures.

(Ord. passed 10-27-31; Am. Ord. passed 4-14-80; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08)

§ 33.03 RATES FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Pursuant to KRS 75.450(2), the city establishes the following fees for services:

(A) Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a single-family residential units; utility occupancies of two thousand (2,000) or fewer square feet; assembly and business occupancies having a capacity which does not exceed one hundred (100) persons; equipment; vehicles; and grass or woods fires.

(B) One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for multi-family residential units; assembly and business occupancies having a capacity exceeding one hundred (100) persons; storage occupancies; utility occupancies of more than two thousand (2,000) square feet; and all industrial, educational or institutional occupancies.

(C) Five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for responding to emergencies not covered in divisions (A) and (B) of this section, including response to high hazard occupancies as defined in KRS § 198B.010. The department may be entitled to recover necessary and reasonable costs in excess of five hundred dollar (\$500.00) limit based upon submission of a written itemized claim for the total costs incurred. Disputes involving fees in excess of the five hundred dollar (\$500.00) limit shall be submitted to arbitration by the State Fire Commission.

(D) The city shall not be entitled to any reimbursement for any building fire within the city's jurisdictional limits.

(E) The city shall be entitled to reimbursement of any material, equipment, and the like used in performing their duties.

(Ord. passed 4-14-80; Am. Ord. 22:98, passed 10-12-98; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08; Am. Ord. 27:2012, passed 12-10-12)

§ 33.04 STANDARD OPERATION PROCEDURES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

The Morehead Fire Department Standard Operational Guidelines are hereby incorporated into this code by reference and the original copy shall be filed in the Officer of City Clerk and dated.

(Ord. passed 8-13-90; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08)

PROHIBITIONS

§ 33.15 JUMPING ON OR RIDING A CITY FIRE TRUCK.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons other than authorized members of the voluntary Fire Department, Police Department, or other official of the city on official business, to jump on or ride any city fire truck while any such vehicle is being driven to or from any point of alarm.

(B) No officer or member of the Fire Department shall cause or allow any person to ride on or about the fire apparatus who is not a member of the Department. A nonmember may be allowed to ride on the apparatus during official functions of the community when the nonmember is under the direct supervision of an officer of the Department.

(Ord. passed 4-23-57; Am. Ord. passed 4-14-80; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08) Penalty, see § 33.99

§ 33.16 FOLLOWING A FIRE TRUCK TOO CLOSELY.

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, other than members of the Fire Department, Police, city official on duty, or persons owning an interest in the particular property involved, to follow a fire fighting vehicle or to drive any car, truck, or other vehicle to the scene of the fire, within the city limits, whereby any movement of the fire fighting equipment or the personal vehicles of the voluntary firemen will be hampered or hindered in any manner due to traveling to the scene of a fire.

(Ord. passed 4-23-57; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08) Penalty, see § 33.99

§ 33.17 PREMISES WHERE FIRE IS IN PROCESS.

It shall be unlawful for anyone, other than property owners involved, members of the Fire Department, Police Department, or other officers of official duty, to go upon the premises where there is a fire in the city after the arrival of fire fighting equipment, unless ordered to do so by the Fire Chief or other officer in charge.

(Ord. passed 4-23-57; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08) Penalty, see § 33.99

§ 33.18 DRIVING VEHICLE OVER FIRE HOSE.

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle on or over a fire hose when the same has been placed in or on a street for the purpose of fighting a fire or during a fire drill.

(Ord. passed 4-23-57; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08) Penalty, see § 33.99

§ 33.19 OBSTRUCTING STREET OR PUBLIC WAY.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any street or public way with an automobile or other vehicle when a fire alarm has been sounded.

(B) All persons shall move to the side of the street, stop and yield right-of-way to fire trucks.

(Ord. passed 4-23-57; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08) Penalty, see § 33.99

§ 33.20 FALSE FIRE ALARM.

It shall be unlawful for any person to give a false fire alarm. (Ord. passed 4-23-57; Am. Ord. 14A:2003, passed 5-12-03; Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08) Penalty, see § 33.99

§ 33.99 PENALTY.

Any person or persons violating any provision of §§ 33.15 through 33.20 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

(Am. Ord. 23:2008, passed 8-11-08)

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