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SECTION 13-101 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTED.

That a certain document is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma, being marked and designated as the International Building Code, 2012 Edition, its appendices and annual amendments thereof, as published by the International Code Board, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code for the Town of Lamont, State of Oklahoma, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Building Code on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Lamont, Oklahoma, are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this ordinance, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 5-102 of this Article. The following sections of the International Building Code, 2012 Edition are hereby revised:

- 1. § 100.1, insert the Town of Lamont, State of Oklahoma.
- 2. 1612.3 insert the Town of Lamont, State of Oklahoma.
- 3. 1612.3, insert August 10, 2014.
- 4. 3410.2, insert August 10, 2014.

State Law Reference: Building codes, adoption by cities, 11 O.S. § 14-107; 74 O.S. § 324.8.

SECTION 13-102 FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE CODE

A. The fire prevention code shall be enforced by the fire department of the town, under the supervision of the chief of the fire department. The terms "Bureau of Fire Prevention" and "Chief of the Bureau of Fire Prevention", whenever found in the Fire Prevention Code, shall mean fire department and chief of the fire department, respectively, of this town. Whenever the word "municipality" is used in the Fire Prevention Code, it means this town.

B. The chief of the fire department may detail such members of the fire departments as inspectors as may from time to time be necessary.

SECTION 13-103 LIMITS WITHIN WHICH STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS IN OUTSIDE ABOVEGROUND TANKS IS PROHIBITED.

- A. The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which storage of flammable liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, shall be as provided by ordinance, resolution or motion of the town board of trustees.
- B. The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which new bulk plants for flammable liquids are prohibited, shall be as provided by ordinance, resolution or motion of the town board of trustees.

SECTION 13-104 LIMITS IN WHICH BULK STORAGE OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES IS TO BE RESTRICTED

The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum has been prohibited, shall be as provided by ordinance, resolution or motion of the town board of trustees.

SECTION 13-105 LIMITS IN WHICH STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES AND BLASTING AGENTS ARE PROHIBITED.

The limits referred to in the fire prevention code, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, shall be as provided by ordinance, resolution or motion of the town board of trustees.

SECTION 13-106 MODIFICATIONS.

The chief of the fire department, with the approval of the town board of trustees, shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the fire prevention code upon application in writing by the owner or lessee, or his duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code provided that the spirit of the code is observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done.

SECTION 13-107 APPEALS.

Whenever the chief of the fire department shall disapprove the application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the chief of the fire department to the town board of trustees within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision.

SECTION 13-108 PENALTIES.

A. Any person who violates any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code hereby adopted or fails to comply therewith, or who violates or fails to comply with any order made there under, or who builds in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved there under, or any certificate or permit issued there under, and from which no appeal has been taken, or who fails to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the town board of trustees or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed therein, shall severally for every such violation and noncompliance respectively, be guilty of an offense, punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and court costs. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time. When not

otherwise specified, each ten (10) days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

B. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

ARTICLE 2

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 13-201 NATURE OF DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER; VOLUNTEER DEFINED.

- A. The fire department of the town is a volunteer fire department which has in its service not more than two (2) full-time salaried firefighters and not less than six (6) nor more than twenty (20) volunteer firefighters.
- B. A volunteer firefighter is one who serves a member of the Fire Department without receiving pay.

State Law Reference: Volunteer fire departments, provisions and requirements, 11 O.S. §§ 29-201 et seq.

SECTION 13-202 DUTIES OF THE FIRE CHIEF.

- A. The fire chief shall head the fire department, and shall be charged with the duty of maintaining the efficiency, discipline, and control of the department. The members of the fire department, at all times, shall be subject to the direction of the fire chief.
- B. The fire chief shall enforce all rules and regulations established by the town board of trustees for conduct of the affairs of the fire department. The fire chief must at all times answer to the Mayor and the town board of trustees.
- C. The fire chief shall exercise and have full control over the care and disposition of all fire apparatus, tools, equipment, and other property used by or belonging to the fire department.
- D. The fire chief shall be responsible for the keeping of records of fire department personnel, operation costs, depreciation of equipment, responses to alarms, their cause and location, and an analysis of losses, value and location of buildings.
- E. The fire chief shall make written reports on or before January 10 and July 10 of each year to the town board of trustees concerning the general status and efficiency of the department and such reports shall contain recommendations for improvement of the department.
- F. The fire chief shall enforce all ordinances and laws regulating fire prevention, maintenance and use of fire escapes, investigation of fires, and means and adequacy of exit in case of fire in all buildings where a number of people may gather.
- G. The fire chief or his representative shall have right of ingress and egress on or into any real property within the corporate limits of the town, within reasonable hours, for duties outlined in this code.

- H. The fire chief shall register the names of all members of the fire department with the town clerk with a list showing length of service, date of enrollment and discharge, and whether or not the discharge was honorable or dishonorable.
- I. The fire chief and fire department shall be charged with prevention of fires within the corporate limits of the town, with the detecting, combating and extinguishing of fires when such occur, and with the protection of property and persons incident to such fires.
- J. The fire chief may answer calls outside the corporate limits of the town, subject to rules, regulations and fees as the town board of trustees shall prescribe.

SECTION 13-203 ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF (CAPTAIN).

In the absence of the fire chief, the assistant chief on duty shall command the department and be held responsible therefore in all respects and full powers and responsibilities of the chief. The assistant chief shall be appointed by the fire chief.

SECTION 13-204 MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the department shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the chief and approved by the town board of trustees. All new members shall be on probation for one year after their appointment. New volunteer members, upon completion of their probation period, must, in addition to the approval of the chief, be approved by a majority of the members of the fire department. Each member of the department is hereby authorized to wear a badge designating his name and rank while on duty.

SECTION 13-205 COMPANY OFFICERS.

The department may elect company officers which shall include a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer to be known as company officers. Such officers shall be selected upon their ability to meet the following requirements:

- 1. Knowledge of firefighting;
- 2. Ability to lead men; and
- 3. Knowledge of firefighting equipment.

Such officer shall be charged with the duty to arrange for and manage any or all social functions sponsored by the department.

SECTION 13-206 SECRETARY-TREASURER.

One member elected by the members of the fire department shall be the secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer's duties shall consist of the following:

- 1. Calling the roll at the opening of each meeting;
- 2. Keeping the minutes of each meeting; and

3. Collecting any money due the department by the members.

SECTION 13-207 BYLAWS.

The bylaws of the department shall include the following:

- 1. All volunteer fire department members are required, when notified, to respond to alarms of fire and other emergencies.
- 2. A member is required to be present at all regular meetings, called meetings and schools presented for the benefit of the firefighters.
 - 3. At least one regular business meeting of the members shall be held each month.
- 4. Any member having two (2) unexcused absences in succession or three (3) unexcused absences in a period of three (3) months will be dropped from the fire department roll.
- 5. Any member leaving the town for an extended period of time is required to notify the chief.
- 6. Any member refusing to attend training classes provided for members of the department will be dropped.
 - 7. Each member is required to have a telephone in his home.
- 8. Each member shall be required to take such medical and physical examinations as the chief, from time to time, may require; and
- 9. Any member of the fire department may be dropped from the rolls for the following offenses:
 - (a) Conduct unbecoming a firefighter;
 - (b) Any act of insubordination;
 - (c) Neglect of duty;
 - (d) Any violation of rules and regulations governing the fire department;
 - (e) Conviction of a felony; or
- (f) By majority vote of the members of the company and approval of the town board of trustees.

SECTION 13-208 VIOLATIONS

- A. 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.
- B. No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus or equipment belonging to the department, unless accompanied by, or having the special permission of, an officer or authorized members of the department.
- C. No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hoses except upon specific orders from the chief or other officer in charge where the hoses are used.
- D. No person shall park any vehicle or otherwise cause any obstruction to be placed within fifteen feet of the entrance to any fire station or other places where fire apparatus belonging to the said department may be stored or within ten feet of any fire hydrant.
- E. No unauthorized person with any vehicles shall follow within six hundred feet of any apparatus belonging to the department, nor park any vehicle within three hundred feet of any fire.
 - F. No person shall maliciously and willfully turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.
- G. The fire department shall adopt new methods of operation from time to time as may conform with generally recognized modern practices.

SECTION 13-209 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The town board of trustees, by motion or resolution, may adopt and change regulations relating to the fire department, its organizations, operation and compensation.

SECTION 13-210 USE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT; INVENTORY AND REPAIR.

- A. The department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency, and properly protect life and property from fire. Recommendations of apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the chief, and after approval by the town board of trustees, may be purchased in such manner as said board of trustees may designate.
- B. All equipment of the department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designed by said board of trustees. Suitable arrangements or equipment shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm, and for notifying all members of the department of such alarm so that they may promptly respond.
- C. All motor equipment and all personal cars of department members shall have right-ofway over all other traffic when responding to or returning from an alarm. Each member of the department driving a car shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the car.
- D. The chief shall prepare and keep a complete inventory of all property belonging to the fire department and shall at the expiration of his term turn over such inventory and all such property to his successor, together with all books, records, reports and data of the department.

E. The chief shall report to the town board of trustees any necessary repairs, alterations or improvements needed by the fire department with an estimate of their probable cost, and shall superintend the making of the repairs, alterations or improvements, and if any apparatus shall become disabled for immediate use, he shall repair the same and report his action to the board of trustees.

SECTION 13-211 FIRE RUNS

Any fire run made by the fire department to a building or structure or piece of property located outside the city limits shall require the owner, or occupant or person in control of such building, structure or piece of property to pay \$100.00 per hour for each fire unit required with a minimum of one hour for each vehicle used. In addition, a minimum charge of \$50.00 shall be made whenever a fire department vehicle is dispatched to a traffic accident site. I such vehicle is placed into service; the hourly charge as hereinbefore provided shall be made.

Note: Ordinance No. 94-1 approved on 2/7/1994.

SECTION 13-212 POWER TO CONTRACT

The town is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into contracts or agreements with individuals, firms, private corporations or associations, or military installations or commends, or political subdivisions of the state for fire protections outside the corporate limits of the town, and to contract to provide for protection jointly with other organizations and municipal subdivisions of the state.

SECTION 13-213 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICE

Any contract entered into by the town, with an individual, firm, private corporation or association or political subdivision, for outside aid or mutual aid for fire protection, shall provide for the payment by the owner, fir, private corporation, association or political subdivision for such service, equipment, or personnel in an amount reached through negotiation by the parties.

SECTION 13-214 AUTHORITY TO ANSWER CALLS

The fire department is authorized to answer all calls outside the town within 5 miles from the outer corporate boundaries of the town limits if first approved by the fire supervisor on duty. The fire supervisor shall determine that the equipment and personnel to be dispatched for such calls are not needed for other purposes within the town.

ARTICLE 3

AMBULATORY SERVICE

SECTION 13-301 AMBULATORY SERVICES

Whereas, the Town of Lamont, after thorough consideration of the advantages and disadvantages explained by Matt Miller, owner, has hereby determined Miller EMS desirable.

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Lamont, to expedite the ambulatory service provided by Miller EMS immediately.

Now, therefore be it resolved by Jeff Tebow, Mayor of the Town of Lamont, is hereby authorized and directed to sign a contract on behalf of the Town of Lamont to approve Miller EMS as the Town of Lamont's primary ambulatory services.