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Sec. 4-2-1 Created: Composition

There is hereby created a fire department for the town which shall consist of a chief and as many firefighters and volunteer firefighters as may be recommended by the Chief and approved by the Manager and Council.

Sec. 4-2-2 Departmental Rules and Regulations

The fire department shall be operated and managed in accordance with such departmental rules and regulations as may be recommended by the Chief and approved by the Manager. Standard Operating Procedures shall be updated or deleted as necessary at the discretion of the chief, however all updates and amendments shall be submitted to the council for review and all rules, regulations and operating shall be contained in the administrative code. The town clerk shall maintain an updated copy of all current rules and regulations.

Section 4-2-3 Powers and Duties of Chief

The Fire Chief shall:

A. Be appointed by the Manager and shall serve at the will of the Manager and Council as the administrative head of the fire department. He/she plans, organizes, directs and evaluates fire suppression, emergency medical and fire prevention programs and all departmental operations all in conformance with the applicable rules and regulations.

B. Take personal command of firefighting activities at fires and emergencies. During the progress of a fire the authority of the fire chief shall be absolute in all matters directly concerning the extinguishment of the fire and the disposition of property endangered by it.

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C. Conduct suitable drills or instructions in the operation and handling of equipment, emergency medical and rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the town, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good fireman-ship and safety of life and property from fire.

D. Exercise purchasing and budgetary control in compliance with town code and procedure.

E. Review and approve specifications for new equipment and apparatus, and direct the maintenance, repair and replacement of firefighting equipment -

F. Direct the preparation of records and reports to secure efficient operation to meet service demands, and to comply with authorized requests for information regarding firefighting activities and personnel.

G. When authorized by the manager attend regional, state and local conferences, conventions, and meetings to keep abreast of modern firefighting methods and techniques.

H. Perform related work as required by town code or state law.

I. Enforce or cause to be enforced all ordinances affecting the operation of the department.

Sec. 4-2-4 Powers and Duties of Assistant Chief

The Manager may appoint an Assistant Fire Chief. If such an appointment is made, the assistant chief shall perform all duties of the fire chief when the fire chief is absent and such other duties as may be required by departmental rules and regulations. The assistant chief may be a volunteer.

Sec. 4-2-5 Appointment and Duties of Firefighters

A. Firefighters shall be appointed by the manager upon the recommendation of the fire chief. Full time firefighters shall be subject to personnel rules of the town unless specifically excluded pursuant to this code.

B. Volunteer appointees shall be able-bodied citizens at least eighteen (18) years old whose business activities are normally within the confines of the town. Any new member accepted shall reside within a reasonable distance of the town, as determined by the fire chief. Volunteer firefighters may be removed by the chief or manager at anytime without cause.

C. All firefighters are subject to control by the Fire Chief as the administrative head of the department.

Section 4-2-6 Entry Upon Adjacent Property

A. It shall be lawful for any firefighter acting under the direction of the chief or another officer in command to enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property that is on fire for the purpose of extinguishing such fire,

B. No person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any firefighter in the discharge of his/her duty as herein before provided.

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Sec. 4-2-7 Equipment

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 concerning apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the chief, and after approval by the Manager, such apparatus and equipment shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the council. All equipment of the department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such a place or places as may be designated by the Fire Chief and approved by the Manager. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully take away or conceal any articles used in any way by the department. No person shall enter anyplace where the fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the department unless accompanied by, or having special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the department. No fire apparatus or equipment shall be hired out or permitted to leave the fire station except for training or in response to a call for aid at a fire within the corporate limits of the town or in response to a call for aid at a fire in an area authorized for fire protection service or mutual aid under provisions of Section 4-2-8.

Section 4-2-8 Providing Fire Protection Outside the Town Limits

A. Limitations on Out-of-Town Fire Service: No fire service shall be rendered outside the Town of Superior by the fire department, except in the following cases:

1. To protect town property located outside the town,
2. To protect property within the town threatened by a fire outside the town.
3. To protect other public property within a reasonable distance outside the town limits.
4. To go to the aid of a community threatened with disaster or loss of life as the result of a spreading and uncontrolled conflagration as determined by the fire chief.
5. To go to the aid of a fire protection district, municipality or other entity having an agreement in force with the town providing for said protection.

B. Protection of Public Property: Nothing in this article shall prevent the fire department from rendering service to buildings which are owned or operated by Pinal County, the State of Arizona, the United States of America, school districts, or by other such governmental agencies. The fire chief shall, at the time of a request for such service, determine if the fire department can, with safety to the property within the town

limits, render town fire protection. The decision to furnish such protection shall be at the discretion of the fire chief or his/her designated representative.

C. Mutual Aid Agreements: The Council shall be authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements between the town and any municipalities or publicly constituted fire district, within a reasonable distance of the town, wishing to participate in reciprocal fire protection service, pursuant to state statute.

1. No agreement shall be effective until properly approved by the Mayor and Council and the participating municipality or fire district.

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2. No response may be made by the fire department to calls for assistance outside the town when prior or coincident fire calls involving property within the town have been received which, in the judgment of the fire chief, may require the full use of town equipment.

Sec. 4-2-9 Fire Alarms

It is unlawful for any person knowingly to turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.

Sec. 4-2-10 Orders of Fire Chief

It is unlawful for any firefighter or citizen to refuse to obey an order issued by the fire chief pursuant to his/her authority.

Sec. 4-2-11 Wearing Badges or Insignia of Officials

It is unlawful for any person to wear a fireman's badge or insignia, or the badge or insignia of any public officer or inspector of the town when not properly authorized to wear such badge or insignia.

Article 4-3 FIRE PREVENTION CODE

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Section 4-3-1 Adoption of International Fire Code

The “International Fire Code” 2006 Edition, prepared and published by the International Code Council, shall be the Fire Code of the Town of Superior.

Section 4-3-2 New Materials, Processes or Occupancy

The City Manager and the Fire Chief shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons and opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies for which permits are required in addition to those now enumerated in said Fire Code. The Chief shall post such a list in a conspicuous place in his/her office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons and he/she shall forthwith request this Code to be amended to include such changes.

Section 4-3-3 Local Amendments to International Fire Code

Section 101.1 Insert “The Town of Superior”

Section 104 Add a new section 104.2.1 to read as follows:

“104.2.1 New Construction Plans. Construction plans shall be submitted to the fire department for review of all new construction fire apparatus access roads and fire protections systems.”

Section 109.3 Insert: “civil violation” and \$2500. per day”

Section 111.4 Insert: “as provided in Section 1093”

Section 401 By the addition of new subsection 401.3.2.1 to read as follows:

“401.3.2.1 Resetting Alarms. No persons shall reset a fire or emergency alarm system, alarm initiating device, or component, until the fire department arrives. Exceptions: The person responsible for the property may silence the alarm where there is no evidence of fire or emergency provided that the fire department is immediately notified.”

Section 503 By the addition of the following language to existing section:

“503.1.1, entitled, “Building and Facilities” to read as follows: “the fire access road may be extended not to exceed 300 feet (91440 mm) from any portion of any building that is protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system in accordance with section 903.3”

Section 503.2.1 is revised to read as follows: “503.2.1 Dimensions. New fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 24 feet (6096 mm), except for approval security gates in accordance with 503.6 and unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 15 feet (4572 mms).”

Section 503.2.5 entitled “Dead Ends” is hereby amended by an addition of the following language: “Dead end access roads may be up to 300 feet to buildings protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3 of this Code. Dead end access roads shall not have more than one turn for fire apparatus to back around. The total aggregate of the turn shall not be less than 90 degrees.”

Section 5.03.2.7, entitled “Grade” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“No new fire apparatus access roadways grade shall exceed 6% unless the road is paved hard and smooth with materials such as asphalt. Grades shall not exceed 12% unless the surface of the roadway is constructed of concrete. Grades shall not exceed 15% unless approved in writing by the fire Code official.”

Section 503 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 503.7 to read as follows:

“503.7 Residential Development Fire Apparatus Access Roads. New residential subdivisions in excess of thirty (30) units shall be provided with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads.”

Section 610.2 Entitled “Where required” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“Commercial kitchen hoods shall be equipped as provided in section 904.5”

Section 901.6.2 entitled “Records” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“Maintenance and repair of the fire protection systems shall be forwarded to the fire Code officials within thirty (30) days of the work performed.”

Section 903.2.7 entitled “Group R” is amended by the addition of the following language.

“An automatic sprinkler shall be installed at the top of rubbish and linen chutes and in their terminal rooms. Chutes extending through three or more floors shall have additional sprinkler heads installed within such chutes at alternate floors. Chute sprinklers shall be accessible for service.” Exception: Group R-3 fire areas under 5000 square feet.”

Section 903.3.1.2 entitled “NFPA 12R sprinkler systems” is amended by the addition of a new subsection 903.31.2.2 to read as follows:

“903.3.1.2.2 Required Fire Protection Systems. For the purpose of inspection, testing, or maintenance of NFPA 12R fire protection systems in R-1 and R-2 occupancies, there shall be provided at the time of new construction, an exterior access door on the side of the building next to the fire sprinkler riser of adequate size to allow for valves and gauges to be accessed, repaired and viewed from the exterior for such testing and maintenance purposes. The dimensions of the access door shall be as approved by the fire Code official.”

Section 903.4 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 903.4.4 to read as follows:

“903.4.4 Post Indicator Valves. Where automatic fire sprinkler control valves are equipped with a post indicator valve (PIV) the PIV shall have the post painted red with the address of the building being served stenciled on the post in white numbers. Post indicator valves shall be locked opened.”

Section 912.1, entitled “Installation” is hereby amended by the addition of the following language:

“For all commercial occupancies requiring an automatic fire sprinkler system at least one fire department connections (FDC) shall be installed as approved by the fire Code official. The FDC shall provide a single 2 1/2” (63.5 mm) Iron Pipe Thread female hose inlet for system requiring a design flow of 500 GPM or less.

System of a design flow greater than 500 GPM shall provide two 2 1/2” (63.5mm) Iron Pipe Thread female hose inlet connections.”

Section 1011 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 1011.6 to read as follows:

“1011.6 Floor Level Exit Signs. When exit signs are required by Section 1011.1, additional approved low-level exit signs which are internally or externally illuminated, photo luminescent, or self-luminous,

shall be provided in all interior corridors serving guest rooms in Group R-1 occupancies. The bottom of the sign shall not be less than 6 inches (152 mm) or more than 8 inches (203 mm) above the floor level. For exit doors, the signs shall be on the door or adjacent to the door with the closest edge of the sign within 4 inches (102 mm) of the door frame. Exception: where all sleeping units on a floor have a direct means of egress to exterior.”

Section 4-3-4 Violation – Penalties

A. A person shall be guilty of civil violation punishable as provided in section 1-5-1 (A) if he/she is found to:

1. Violate or fail to comply with any provision of the Fire Code or standards hereby adopted.
2. Violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder.
3. Build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken.
4. Fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Chief or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed therein.
5. Fail to comply with any other provisions of this Chapter 4.

B. 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; and when not otherwise specified, each day that prohibited conditions are maintained or allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.