Chapter 9

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Section 9.1 Department Established.

There is hereby established for the city a fire department, which shall consist of a chief and such other members as the city council may deem necessary.

Section 9.2 Fire Hydrants; Obstructing; Opening.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct any fire hydrant in the city without first notifying the fire department in writing and obtaining the consent of such department.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to open any fire hydrant, or remove the nuts from the opening, or to have in his possession any wrench, with the intent or for the purpose of opening any fire hydrant. However, nothing in this section shall be so construed as to interfere with the water superintendent's inspecting and opening them in the discharge of his duties, or any firemen under the direction of the chief of the fire department at a fire or parade, or at practice.

Section 9.3 Damaging Fire Apparatus.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and knowingly injure or damage, in any way, or by any means whatever, any hose, hook, ladder, reel or vehicle, or any other implement, material or apparatus of any kind belonging to, connected with or used by the fire department in this city, as a part of its machinery, material or equipment for extinguishing fires.

Section 9.4 Entering Vicinity of Fire.

It shall not be lawful for any person except firemen, city councilmen, the police force, the owners of property, their agents and the agents of insurance companies to go within the immediate vicinity of any fire, without being ordered there by the officer in command of the fire department.

Section 9.5 Burning Leaves, Rubbish.

Leaves, rubbish or refuse of any kind shall not be set on fire or burned on any paved street or sidewalk.

Section 9.6 Fire District.

The fire district of the city shall be the city limits.

Section 9.7 Bulk Storage of Certain Explosives Prohibited.

Within the limits of the fire district as defined in section 9.7, the bulk storage of liquified petroleum, gas, explosives, and blasting agents is prohibited. Exceptions may be made for industrial consumers upon approval by city council.

Sections 9.8 - 9.10 Reserved.

ARTICLE II. FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Section 9.11 Adopted.

There is hereby adopted, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, the International Fire Code, 2006 edition with Georgia amendments, except such portions as are in this article deleted, modified or amended, of which one copy has been and is on file in the officer of the clerk-treasurer, and the same is incorporated in this article as fully as set out at length in this article. The provisions of such code shall be controlling in the protection of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion within the corporate limits of the city.

Section 9.12 Enforcement.

The code adopted in this article shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department.

Section 9.13 Appeals.

Whenever the chief of the fire department shall disapprove an application or refuse to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the fire prevention code adopted by this article do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of such code have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the chief of the fire department to the city council within 30 days from the date of the decision appealed.

Sections 9.14 -9.15 Reserved.