

CHAPTER 2.44 - FIRE DEPARTMENT ¹

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2.44.010 Chief–Appointment and term of office.

The chief of the fire department shall be appointed by the mayor subject to the approval of the council. He shall hold office for the duration of his appointment unless sooner removed by the mayor with the concurrence of the council.(Prior code §1-16-1).

2.44.020 Chief–Rank, supervisory and appointment powers.

The chief of the fire department, commonly referred to as the fire chief, shall be the head of the department and have supervision over all officers and members thereof.. The fire chief may, with the approval of the mayor, appoint such other fire department officers as may be deemed necessary, including a first assistant chief and a second assistant chief and such other inspectors as may be necessary. (Prior code §1-16-2).

2.44.030 Chief–Duties and responsibilities.

The fire chief shall keep a record of all activities of the fire department and a summary of each fire call and make such other reports concerning the activities of the fire department as may be required by statute or by the mayor. The fire chief shall report each quarter to the council. He shall be responsible for the performance of the fire department and of its functions and all persons who are members of the fire department shall serve subject to his orders. He shall be responsible for the control and custody of all fire department property and equipment. He shall have the authority of a police officer while actively engaged in fighting a fire, or going to or from a fire. (Prior code §1-16-3).

2.44.040 Created.

There is created a fire department which shall consist of a fire chief and such other personnel as may be provided for by the governing body of the municipality. (Prior code §3-3-1).

2.44.050 Duties of members.

It shall be the duty of members of the fire department to provide for the immediate answering of all fire calls and to fight all fires with the best and most modern available methods. Members shall see to the care and maintenance of all fire fighting equipment and have such equipment in constant workable condition at all times. (Prior code §3-3-2).

2.44.060 Fire prevention action required.

Every possible action shall be taken by the members of the fire department to eliminate fire hazards and to provide for fire prevention methods and operations within the municipality. (Prior code §3-3-3).

2.44.070 Volunteer members—Conduct and requirements.

Any volunteer members of the fire department shall conduct themselves in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as regular members of the department. They shall respond to all fire calls according to a schedule prescribed by the chief of the fire department and they shall attend all meetings and drills called by the chief. (Prior code §3-3-4).

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(1) For statutory provisions allowing cities to set up and maintain a fire department, see Idaho Code 50-309.