

ORDINANCE #O-2020-03

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AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MANASSAS, VIRGINIA (2002), AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING ARTICLES I, II, AND III OF CHAPTER 60 RELATED TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Manassas, Virginia, meeting in regular session this 23 day of September 2019 that Article I, II, and III of Chapter 60 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Manassas, Virginia, is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. - FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Sec. 60-1. - Establishment of Manassas City Fire and Rescue System

- (a) The purpose of the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue System is to ensure effective public safety, health, welfare, and education through a collaborative fire, rescue, and emergency medical services program that is competent, highly trained, and efficiently delivered.
- (b) The City of Manassas has a proud history of fire and rescue services provided by the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company formed in 1892, the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad Incorporated in 1966, and the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department established in 2008. The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue System was established in 2010 by ordinance to provide fire and rescue services to the City of Manassas and surrounding areas.
- (c) The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue System is a combination system and shall be composed of the following organizations:
 - City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department
 - Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad
 - Manassas Volunteer Fire Company

ARTICLE II. – PERSONNEL

Sec. 60-2. - System Chief

- (a) The Chief of the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department shall be the Chief of the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue System. He or she shall be appointed by the City Manager and shall serve at the pleasure and direction of the City Manager. In addition to the standard responsibilities of all departmental directors in the City, the System Chief shall have the following powers, responsibilities, and duties:
- (1) The administration and general direction of the City Fire and Rescue Department, with immediate direction and control over the members of the Department;
 - (2) The development of System-wide policies **and plans** that promote the effective and efficient provision of fire, rescue, and emergency services in the City, in a collaborative manner that utilizes the resources of all three components of the System while recognizing the autonomous nature of the volunteer organizations. Such policies **and plans** shall include, but not be limited to, standard operating guidelines and performance standards for the System; **develop and update a system-wide Fire and Rescue Strategic Plan**; minimum personnel training, licensure, physical qualifications, and reporting requirements; **plans and regulations** regarding the **acquisition**, allocation and deployment of available apparatus, equipment and personnel; and the preparation of operational and capital budgets;
 - (3) The day-to-day operational control of the System through implementation of the System-wide policies and regulations;
 - (4) Upon request of the Volunteer Rescue Squad or Volunteer Fire Company, provide recommendations and support regarding the recruitment, development, and retention of System volunteers;
 - (5) Exercise all powers authorized by federal, state, or local law, or as directed by the City Manager, as necessary for the provision of fire and emergency medical services in the City.

Section 60-3 - Responsibilities of the Chiefs

The Chiefs of each respective organization shall serve as a nonbinding advisory group for the System. It shall be the responsibility of the System Chief to meet with the advisory group as needed to assist with the management and operations of the system. It shall be the responsibility of each Chief to communicate the activities of the advisory group to their respective organizations.

Section 60-4 - Volunteer Organizations

Nothing in this Chapter shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict the volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad from organizing or managing their respective affairs according to their bylaws, consistent with state law, city ordinances, and promulgated system wide policies and Standard Operation Procedures. Nothing in this article is intended, nor shall be construed to make, any volunteer organizations or any member of a volunteer organization an employee of the City.

Section 60-5 - Volunteer Officers

Officers of the volunteer fire and rescue organizations shall serve such terms of office as specified within their respective bylaws. Officers selected shall be presented to the System Chief prior to assuming responsibilities for their respective offices, together with the complete roster of the organization.

ARTICLE III. - APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT

Sec. 60-6 - Ownership and Use of Apparatus and Equipment

All apparatus and equipment used for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services employed by the System and purchased following the enactment of this chapter with funds appropriated by the Manassas City Council shall be the property of the City and subject to the provisions of this Code Governing City property. The volunteer fire and rescue organizations shall have the right to use the City's equipment for the purpose of providing fire, rescue, and emergency medical services, and for practicing therewith, pursuant to promulgated policies and Standard Operation Procedures. Nothing in this article divests a volunteer entity to title for any vehicle or equipment purchased with non-public funds.

This ordinance shall become effective upon second reading.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL


Harry J. Parrish II Mayor
On Behalf of the City Council
of Manassas, Virginia

ATTEST:


Lee Ann Henderson City Clerk

MOTION: WOLFE
SECOND: LOVEJOY
RE: ORDINANCE #O-2020-03
ACTION: APPROVED

Votes:

Ayes: Davis-Younger, Ellis, Lovejoy, Sebesky, Smith, Wolfe

Nays: None

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: None