

**GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**ORDINANCE 2012-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA; CLARIFYING AND UPDATING CERTAIN CODE ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND FIRE RESCUE REGULATIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission has undertaken an extensive review of the Gilchrist County Code to determine whether parts of the code need to be revised, updated, or deleted; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission finds that the Code Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Rescue regulations should be clarified and updated as set forth below.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** Section 2-206 of the Gilchrist County Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-206. Code enforcement officer.**

The county ~~administrator~~ ~~commission~~ may appoint one or more code enforcement officers who shall have the powers and responsibilities as set forth in F.S. ch. 162. The county commission may enter into an interlocal agreement with one or more of the municipalities within the county to share the costs of a code enforcement officer to serve the county and municipality. Notwithstanding any other provision of a county ordinance or regulation, a code enforcement officer appointed by the county shall be the enforcement officer for all county ordinances and regulations, unless otherwise prohibited by state law. Other county officials may also be designated as enforcement officers as set forth in F.S. ch. 162.

**Section 2.** Section 2-331 of the Gilchrist County Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-331. Division of emergency medical services.**

- (a) There is established a division of emergency medical services to be referred to as Gilchrist County EMS.

- (b) Gilchrist County EMS shall be responsible for the provision of emergency medical services throughout the incorporated and unincorporated area of Gilchrist County pursuant to a properly obtained certificate of need.
- (c) The chief of the Gilchrist County EMS Division shall be known as the Gilchrist County EMS Chief and shall answer to the county administrator. The EMS chief shall supervise Gilchrist County EMS and shall ensure that the EMS stations and equipment are maintained in a constant state of readiness to provide emergency medical services as set forth in the certificate of need and as required by state law.
- (d) The EMS chief shall ensure the members of the Gilchrist County EMS are properly trained and certified as required by state law and that members receive proper continuing education that may be needed to carry out the responsibilities of the Gilchrist County EMS in the most effective manner and as required by state law.
- (e) Gilchrist County EMS shall, at a minimum, maintain, staff and equip the following EMS stations which shall each be assigned a territory of primary responsibility by the division chief:

Station 1 (Northern Territory)

Station 5 (Southern Territory)

~~(1) Med 2 (Southern Territory).~~

~~(2) Med 4 (Northern Territory).~~

- (f) The EMS chief shall appoint an EMS/Fire shift captain to oversee operations of district chief for each station maintained by the Gilchrist County EMS, and shall together with the fire chief establish the duties and authority for each EMS/Fire shift captain, including both EMS and fire guidelines ~~district chief~~.

**Section 3.** Section 2-332 of the Gilchrist County Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 2-332. Division of Gilchrist County Fire Rescue.**

- (a) There is established Gilchrist County Fire Rescue (GCFR) as a division of the department of public safety.
- (b) Gilchrist County Fire Rescue shall be responsible for the management, operation and control of all fire suppression services in the county. The division chief for GCFR shall also be known as the Gilchrist County Fire Chief and shall answer to the county administrator.

- (c) All officers of GCFR shall be appointed, subject to approval by the county administrator ~~director of public safety~~, by the Gilchrist County Fire Chief. No person or entity shall provide fire control or suppression services within Gilchrist County without first obtaining approval of the fire chief and county administrator, ~~director of public safety~~ and, once approved, all persons or entities providing fire services within Gilchrist County shall operate under the guidelines and polices promulgated by GCFR and the Gilchrist County Department of Public Safety. All policies and guidelines of GCFR are subject to approval by the fire chief ~~director of public safety~~.
- (d) The Gilchrist County Fire Chief shall supervise GCFR, including career and volunteer members. The fire chief shall ensure that all fire stations and equipment are maintained in a constant state of readiness to carry out the functions of GCFR. The fire chief shall also ensure the members of GCFR receive proper training to carry out the responsibilities of GCFR in the most effective manner and as required by state law.
- (e) GCFR shall, at a minimum, maintain, staff (either volunteer or career members), and equip the following fire stations which shall each be assigned a territory of primary responsibility by the Gilchrist County Fire Chief:
- Station 1:      Central and Southwestern District.  
Station 2:      Northwestern District.  
Station 3:      Northeastern District.  
Station 4:      Southeastern District.
- (1)      ~~Station 20 (northeastern district).~~  
(2)      ~~Station 21 (southeastern district).~~  
(3)      ~~Station 23 (northwestern district).~~  
(4)      ~~Station 24 (central and southwestern district).~~
- (f) The Gilchrist County Fire Chief shall appoint a station captain ~~district chief~~ for each station maintained by GCFR, and shall establish the duties and authority for each station captain ~~district chief~~.
- (g) The Gilchrist County Fire Chief, with approval by the ~~director of public safety and the board of county commissioners~~, is the sole department representative authorized to enter into contracts or agreements concerning or affecting GCFR. The Gilchrist County Fire Chief may, with approval by the public safety director and board of county commissioners, enter into contracts to obtain additional fire services from, or provide fire services to, any other noncounty fire department or governmental entity.

**Section 4.** The Codifier shall include Sections 1 through 3 of this ordinance in the Gilchrist County Code. Language underlined is added; language struck through is deleted.

**Section 5.** A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners and shall take effect upon receipt of official acknowledgment from the Department of State that this ordinance has been filed.

This Ordinance is passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2012. On motion made by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_; Second by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_; on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF GILCHRIST COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Tommy Langford, Chair

ATTEST:

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Joseph W. Gilliam  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners