

## TITLE II - COMMUNITY PROTECTION

ARTICLE XIV  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 2-14.1 ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE. A volunteer fire department is hereby established to prevent and extinguish fires and to protect lives and property against fires, to promote fire prevention and fire safety, and to answer all emergency calls for which there is no other established agency.
- 2-14.2 FIRE CHIEF AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF. The council shall appoint the fire chief and an assistant fire chief for a term of two (2) years or to fill a vacancy. The council shall be furnished the department's attendance records for drills, meetings and fires, and shall give due consideration to such records in approving the appointment of fire chiefs. The council may remove the fire chief by written order setting out the reasons for removal which shall be filed with the city clerk.
- 2-14.3 FIRE CHIEF'S DUTIES. The fire chief shall command all operations of the department, and be responsible for the care, maintenance and use of all vehicles and equipment of the department. Subject to council approval, he shall establish and maintain departmental rules to carry out the requirements of this ordinance. He shall provide every fireman with a copy of these rules. With the approval of the council, he shall appoint carefully selected volunteer firemen, fill vacancies among them, and may discharge them. The chief shall keep a record of the names, ages and residences of the firemen and be responsible for their training and supervision. He shall maintain attendance records for drill meetings and fires. He shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of each fire by which property has been destroyed or damaged or which results in bodily injury to any person. Whenever he finds that death or serious bodily injury or property damage in excess of \$200,000.00 has occurred, or if he suspects arson, he shall report his findings to the State Fire Marshal's Division immediately and within 10 days following the end of the month shall file a report with the State Fire Marshal's Division. He has the authority to enter and inspect any building or premises in the performance of his duties and shall make written orders to correct any conditions that are likely to cause fire or endanger other buildings and property.
- 2-14.4 ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF'S DUTIES. The assistant fire chief shall have all the duties of the fire chief as specified in Section 3 hereof and shall perform them in the absence of the fire chief.

- 2-14.5 VOLUNTEER FIREMEN. A maximum of 16 residents of Salem, Iowa, or the surrounding area, over the age of 18, shall be appointed to serve as voluntary firemen. The Fire Chief shall not be counted as one of the 16.  
(Ordinance No. 1988-1, passed May 3, 1988.)
- 2-14.6 FIREMEN'S DUTIES. When called by the chief, all firemen shall report for duty immediately in the manner directed by the chief. They shall be subject to call at any time. They shall obey strictly the commands of any other fireman who has been appointed by the chief to be in command temporarily. Firemen shall report to the chief in advance if they expect to be absent from the city for more than one week. Firemen shall report for training as ordered by the chief.
- 2-14.7 COMPENSATION. The compensation of the fire chief and firemen shall be on a per meeting basis and shall be set by resolution of the council. Additional compensation may also be paid for extra duty assignments as determined by the fire chief and as set by resolution of the council.
- 2-14.8 WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE. The council shall contract to insure the city against liability for workmen's compensation and against statutory liability for the costs of hospitalization, nursing, and medical attention for volunteer firemen injured in the performance of their duties as firemen. All volunteer firemen shall be covered by the contract.
- 2-14.9 LIABILITY INSURANCE. The council shall contract to insure against liability of the city or members of the department for injuries, death or property damage arising out of and resulting from the performance of departmental duties.
- 2-14.10 FIRES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS. The department shall answer calls to fires and other emergencies outside the city limits if the fire chief determines that such emergency exists and that such action will not endanger persons and property within the city limits.

Entire Article, Ordinance No. 1986-8, Passed December 2, 1986.

NOTE: Compensation was set in Resolution No. 1987-1, passed January 6, 1987, as follows:

Fire Chief - \$20.00 each meeting attended.  
Assistance Fire Chief - \$17.00 each meeting attended.  
Firemen - \$10.00 each meeting attended.  
Fireman with Maintenance Duties - \$17.50 per month.



ORDINANCE NO. 2012 - 61

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIV OF TITLE II OF THE CITY CODE OF SALEM, IOWA, BY ESTABLISHING A EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION WITHIN THE SALEM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALEM, IOWA:

SECTION 1.

PURPOSE. In today's world access to emergency medical treatment and/or life support is a necessity. The City wants to be able to provide such services to the extent that it is able to do so and finds that it is in the City's best interests that those services and the personnel who are to preform those services be made part of the City's volunteer fire department.

SECTION 2.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DIVISION ESTABLISHED.

The Salem Emergency Medical Division, "Division", is created within the City's volunteer fire department.

1. No more than twelve (12) individuals who are residents of Salem, Iowa, or the surrounding area shall be appointed to serve as voluntary members of this Division.

2. This Division shall be run and under the control of a captain who shall be appointed to that position by the fire chief, subject to the approval of the City Council. The captain shall report to the fire chief and make such reports and filing with him as the fire chief directs.

3. The City of Salem fire chief shall be in the over all supervision of the Division. He shall have all necessary powers to run this Division including the power to appoint and remove the captain and all personnel all subject to the City Council's approval. His powers as they relate to this Division shall be the same as the powers that he has under Section 2-14.3 of the volunteer fire department ordinance. Except for appointing and removing members of this Division, he may delegate those duties to the captain of this Division

4. The assistant fire chief shall have all the duties of the fire chief in regards to this Division as specified above and in said Section 2-14.3 and shall preform them in the absence of the fire chief.

5. Before performing any duties, members shall complete, at a minimum, training and/or certification as a Emergency Medical Responder.

Proof of that training and or certification shall be filed with the captain or fire chief and those records shall be maintained as permanent records of the Division.

6. When called by the captain and/or the fire chief or the assistant fire chief, all members shall report for duty immediately as directed. Members shall be subject to call at any time and they shall obey strictly

the commands of the captain, and/or the fire chief or the assistant fire chief or another member who has been appointed by the captain and/or fire chief or assistant fire chief to be in temporary command. A member shall report to the captain or the fire chief if they expect to be absent for more than one week.

7. The compensation of the members of this Division shall be on a per meeting basis and shall be the same as the compensation of the voluntary firemen except that the captain shall receive the same compensation as the assistant fire chief. Said compensation shall be set by resolution of the City Council. Additional compensation may also be paid for extra duty assignments as determined by the fire chief and as set by resolution of the City Council.

8. The City shall maintain insurance to insure against the liability of the members of this Division, including the fire chief and the assistant fire chief, for injuries, death or property damages arising out of the performance of the duties of this Division.

The City shall also carry workman's compensation insurance covering the members of this Division for injuries incurred in the performance of their duties.

SECTION 3.

REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof, not adjudicated invalid or unconstitutional.

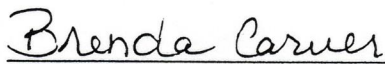
SECTION 5.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on the 13th day of March, 2012.

  
Linda Ward, Mayor

The above Ordinance was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Salem, Iowa, on the 13th day of March, 2012, and signed by the Mayor on the same date.

  
Brenda Carver, Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: March <sup>13</sup>~~6~~, 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: March 13, 2012

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: March 13, 2012

I, Brenda Carver, Clerk of the City of Salem, Iowa, do hereby certify that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012, I posted a copy of the foregoing Ordinance at each of the following three public places in the City of Salem, Iowa: Community Center Building; United States Post Office; and the Salem Public Library, all pursuant to Section 1-7.5(4) of Article VII of Title I of the City Code of Salem, Iowa.

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