

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
TITLE 6
Boards & Commissions

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS AMENDING TITLE 6.02: GUSTAVUS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCE UNDER CHAPTER 6, BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City of Gustavus Municipal Code.


Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Enactment. Now, therefore, be it enacted by the Gustavus City Council that Title 6, Boards & Commissions, Chapter 6.02, Section 6.02.030 (a), be amended.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective September 2, 2004.

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: September 2, 2004

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Gustavus City Council this 2nd day of September, 2004.



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk

City of Gustavus, Alaska Municipal Code

Title 6.02

Fire Department Ordinance

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Section 06.02.010 Fire Department Established

There shall be a Fire Department in and for the City of Gustavus, Alaska, to be known as the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations pertaining to fire and emergency medical services (EMS) as set forth in 13AAC52.030, Standards of Organization and Services of a Fire Department. It shall consist of a Fire Chief and as many other officers, firefighters and EMS responders as the chief deems appropriate for the effective operation of the department.

Section 06.02.020 Service Area

(a) The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department shall serve as the primary emergency response agency within Gustavus City limits.

(b) The Fire Chief has the authority to negotiate with ordinance of ratification by the City Council, to enter into mutual aid agreements and contracts with other agencies.

Section 06.02.030 Fire Chief

(a) The department shall be supervised by the Fire Chief who shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council from candidates recommended by the Volunteer Fire Department members. The Fire Chief shall be a person who is technically qualified by training and experience and has the ability to administer and command the Fire Department.

(b) The Fire Chief shall determine the number and kind of companies of which the Fire Department shall be composed; and shall determine the response of such companies to alarms.

(c) The Fire Chief shall appoint all other officers and firefighters/EMS responders. Such appointments will follow fair and impartial examinations. All officers shall be accountable to the Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's representative.

(d) The Fire Chief shall at least once a month provide for suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, in the area of EMS, rescue work, salvage, preplans, fire prevention, water supplies, all other matters generally considered essential to good fire suppression and safety of life and property.

(e) The Fire Chief shall assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or initiating the investigation of the cause and origin of fires within the City limits as required by 13AAC52.030 (b-4).

(f) The Fire Chief shall annually submit to the City Council a tentative budget by March 1 for the departments following FY needs.

(g) The Fire Chief shall see that the complete records are kept of all apparatus, equipment, personnel, training, fires, preplans, and other department activities.

(h) Reports.

1. Current records and comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Fire Department shall be included in an annual report to the City Council on March 1.

2. Incident reports will be filed with the State Fire Marshal within the first ten (10) days of the month following the month in which the incident occurred. If an incident report is made by computer disc, the report must be submitted quarterly with reports due on January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10 for the previous quarter.

Section 06.02.040 Volunteer Fire Department

(a) Members of the Volunteer Fire Department may organize into a voluntary association with the election of their own officers and bylaws. The functions and duties of the volunteer association shall not interfere with those of regular division officers who are charged with the responsibility for all service activities of the division. The volunteer association shall in no way limit the power of the Fire Chief.

(b) Insurance and Workman's Compensation. The City of Gustavus will maintain liability insurance and workman's compensation covering the volunteers on all responses and training. Compensation shall be based on the guidelines set forth in 13AAC52.040, Workers Compensation for Volunteer Firefighters.

(c) From time to time, in such amounts as the City Council deems advisable, payments may be made to the volunteer association for the purposes of giving that association funds with which to reimburse members for damaged clothing and other expenses incurred in the line of duty.

(d) Private vehicles of volunteers.

1. Each member of the department driving a private vehicle may be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the vehicle designating him or her as a member of the department.

2. Personal vehicles of department members may be equipped with a flashing blue light requesting right of way over all other traffic when responding to an alarm, but shall observe all traffic laws.

Section 06.02.050 Equipment

(a) The Fire Chief shall be responsible to the City Council for recommending such apparatus or other fire fighting equipment as may be required to maintain Fire Department efficiency, and for providing suitable equipment for reporting fires or emergencies, and for notifying all members of the department to assure prompt response to such incidents.

(b) All property used by the Fire Department is and remains the property of the City of Gustavus, and all expenses of the Fire Department shall be paid by check upon approval by the City Council.

(c) The Fire Chief or the Fire Chief's representative shall have the power to assign equipment for the response to calls for outside aid where mutual aid agreements are in force and in other cases only when the absence of such equipment will not jeopardize protection of the City of Gustavus.