

CHAPTER 63

FIRE PREVENTION

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General References

Alarm systems - See Ch. 37
 Building Construction - See Ch. 49
 Definitions; Rules of Interpretation - See Ch. 3

ARTICLE I**§ 63.1 Description.**

The fire district shall consist of the portions of the highways, streets, alleys and areas which are included in the circles having radii of 780 feet on the fire hydrant coverage map which is available for inspection at the Office of the Township Secretary.

§ 63.2 Authority to contract for hydrants, water supply and service.

The Supervisors are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Findlay Township Water Authority whereunder the latter will see that all existing fire hydrants in the fire district are properly maintained, repaired, operated and replaced when necessary and that water sufficient for fire protection is supplied, at the Authority's cost, and that the Authority will place new fire hydrants in the fire district suitable to the Findlay Township Fire Department, and maintain, repair, operate, and replace such fire hydrants, and connect them to water mains maintaining pressures approved by the fire insurance underwriters, and supply water in sufficient quantities for fire protection, at the Authority's cost.

§ 63.3 Cost.

The Supervisors are authorized to contract that the Township will pay the Authority the amount of \$14,380.00 during the year of 1969 for fire protection and an annual price based on the number of hydrants existing and installed and operable on or before January 1 for each and every year subsequent to the year 1969, such price not to exceed \$150.00 per hydrant per year.

§ 63.4 Expenses paid from general fund.

Supervisors shall pay the costs and expenses of such fire protection out of the general Township fund.

§ 63.5 Further studies and better location.

The Supervisors are authorized to undertake any necessary engineering studies, pay the cost of such studies incident to the establishment of the fire district (and expense), and better locate the district if necessary.

ARTICLE II**§ 63.6 Fire company recognized.**

The Imperial Volunteer Fire Department, organized and existing in the Township of Findlay, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, is hereby designated as the officially recognized fire department for the Township.

§ 63.7 Authorized activities of the fire company.

63.7.1 The Fire Department recognized by the Township is hereby authorized to provide such services to the Township as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons situate therein, which include by way of example and not of limitation, the extinguishment and prevention of loss of life and property from fire, automobile accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and other dangerous situations.

63.7.2 The Department may also provide non-emergency and public service functions, such as, again by way of example and not of limitation, removing water from property after storms and assisting in the removal, abatement and prevention of damage or injury to persons or property, whether through natural causes or man-made situations.

63.7.3 The Department may also conduct and participate in such training activities and drills, within or outside the Township, as may be deemed necessary by the officers of the Department to maintain proficiency in providing service.

63.7.4 The Department may also respond to calls and provide services to municipalities outside of the Township.

63.7.5.1 The IVFD is hereby authorized and directed, by its officers and authorized representatives, to ascertain what insurance coverages may be applicable and available under any given circumstance, and to take all necessary and affirmative steps to apply for and receive reimbursement from any insurance carriers where a property owner and/or vehicle owner/operator is or may be insured to reimburse the IVFD for any cost and/or expense incurred for services, supplies, and/or equipment used for or provided to the property owner, and/or the vehicle owner/operator by the IVFD.

63.7.5.2 Under no circumstances shall any property owner within the Township of Findlay ever receive a bill from the IVFD for fire protection or other services provided by the IVFD except in cases of multiple false alarms and fires intentionally

set by the property owner.

63.7.5.3. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed to accomplish its purpose to compensate and/or reimburse the IVFD from insurance proceeds only for costs and/or expenses incurred while providing service.

63.7.5.4. Findlay Township authorizes the IVFD to recover the costs including, but not limited to, firefighting, vehicle rescue, and material used and expended. The costs of the use of the fire apparatus, squad rescue equipment and tankers; the costs of hazardous situation abatement material involving any fire, safety, and rescue incidents; or operation and hazardous abatement incidents, including vehicular accidents and fires within the Township or any other area in which the IVFD is in agreement with to provide such services.

63.7.5.5. Findlay Township may by resolution, from time to time, establish, revise, amend or rescind a schedule of fees that may be charged by the IVFD.

63.7.5.6. The costs and fees shall be recovered directly by the IVFD by direct billing of IVFD or by an attorney, collection service, or agency contracted with by the IVFD. The IVFD shall also be authorized to collect the costs and fees associated with any attorney or collection service or agency contracted with by the IVFD, and the IVFD shall be authorized to collect the reasonable interest and administration fees for collecting the costs and fees.

63.7.5.7. In the event that any insurance carrier fails to pay any bill or invoice within 30 days of the mailing or delivery of such notice of charges, the IVFD or any attorney or agency contracted with by the IVFD who mailed or delivered the bill or invoice may enforce the provisions of the ordinance by filing a civil action of law in a court of competent jurisdiction for the collection of any amount due to the IVFD together with statutory interest, court costs, collection fees, and reasonable attorney's fees. The remedies provided herein shall be in addition to any other relief, remedies or penalties that may be appropriate or provided by-law.

[Added 4-17-17 by Ordinance No. 411]

§ 63.8 Authorized activities of the members of the Fire Department.

63.8.1. In addition to actually participating in the activities of the Fire Department as authorized above or in going to or returning from any activity, the members of the Fire Department recognized by the Township are also authorized to do the following things:

63.8.1.1. Engage in any type of drill, training, ceremony, practice, test or parade when duly called for or authorized by an officer or officers of the Department.

63.8.1.2. Engage in fund raising activities for the Fire Department when authorized by an officer or officers of the Fire Department.

63.8.1.3. Engage in the performance of any other duty or activity authorized by any officer of the recognized Department.

§ 63.9 Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to recognize the Fire Department as the official Fire Department of the Township of Findlay and to state additional authorized activities for fire fighters for workmen's compensation purposes.