

TOWN OF HOLLIS


MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE

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Claire M. Dunne Town Clerk
Of

Hollis, Maine

DATED: 

Enacted at Town Meeting June 17, 2000

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Article 2 Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- A. Establish a Municipal Fire Department with responsibility for preventing and extinguishing fires, providing Fire Prevention training and material, and responding to other emergency situations as deemed appropriate by the Municipal Officers and the Fire Chief.
- B. Authorize the Fire Dept. to provide aid in extinguishing fire and providing other Emergency services outside the Town of Hollis.
- C. To define the Duties, Powers and Responsibilities of the Chief, Officers and Personnel of the fire department.
- D. To provide the maximum legal protection to the Town , it's Chief, Officers and Personnel of the fire department.
- E. To assist in providing for the Health, and Safety of the residents and property owners of the Town of Hollis, from an emergency services standpoint.
- F. Abolish the Emergency Services Commission

Article 3 Authority:

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A MRSA S 3001, 3151 thru 3157.

Article 4 Fire Department Structure and Personnel:

A. Chief

- 1. The municipal officers shall determine the qualification requirements of, and the compensation for the Fire Chief..
- 2. Employment will be for an indefinite period with annual performance reviews.

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3. Responsibilities

- a. Direction and Control of all firefighting (emergency personnel) in the performance of their firefighting, prevention, and emergency duties.
- b. Personnel recruitment, training, safety and discipline
- c. Care and maintenance of all property and equipment owned or used by the Town of Hollis for the purpose of fire prevention, extinguishment, emergency treatment or training.
- d. Consultation and cooperation with the Board of Selectpersons and other municipal officials of the Town of Hollis on pertinent issues.
- e. Annual preparation and submission of a budget relating to the efficient operation of fire related activities.
- f. Suppress disorder and tumult at the scene of a fire and generally direct all operations to prevent further destruction and damage.
- g. Establish Rules and Regulations, Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines and implement same with approval of the Board of Selectpersons.

4. Powers

- a. With the approval of municipal officers, employ all municipal firefighters, appoint a deputy and other officers as required.
- b. With the approval of municipal officers, adopt administrative regulations relating to municipal fire protection consistent with other town ordinances.

B. Firefighter

1. Duties

- a. Firefighters are under a duty to extinguish all fires to which they are called, to protect lives and property endangered by fires and to carry out all other related activities as directed by the fire chief.

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C. Structure

To be set up by the Fire Chief and Municipal Officers in accordance with State and Federal Laws and town needs.

Article 5. Automotive Fire Apparatus

Apparatus purchased by the Town of Hollis must be in accordance with applicable standards for Fire Protection Apparatus which were current at the time of its construction..

Article 6. Mutual Aid

- A. The Fire Chief upon request for assistance from the duly authorized representative of another municipality may send assistance as deemed appropriate while still maintaining adequate fire protection for the Town of Hollis.
- B. The Fire Chief may request assistance from other municipalities as he deems necessary to adequately protect the Town of Hollis.
- C. Agreements will be on file and signed as required for each municipality providing or receiving mutual aid.

Article 7 Validity/Severability/Conflict

The invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not invalidate any other part or provision of this Ordinance. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance are inconsistent with the provisions of other Ordinances and policies of the Town of Hollis, or if any of the provisions of this Ordinance are inconsistent with the provisions of State or Federal law or regulations, the more stringent requirements shall be applicable and controlling. If any inconsistencies exist between the provisions of this Ordinance and the Rules and Regulations of the Hollis Fire Department, the provisions of this Ordinance shall take precedence.

Article 9 Amendment

This Ordinance may be amended by vote of the Town Meeting of the Town of Hollis

Article 10 Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption by the Town Meeting of the Town of Hollis.