

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CITY OF LONDON  
ORDINANCE NO. 771

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LONDON FIRE DEPARTMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LONDON AS FOLLOWS:

In order to better protect life and property within the City of London, there is hereby created the London Fire Department, composed of volunteers as a department of the City of London. The purpose of the London Fire Department will be the preservation and protection of life and property from and during fire that may occur within the City limits of the City of London, Kentucky or on property outside the City limits of the City of London, Kentucky when requested by other fire departments.

SECTION 1: The department shall be equipped with such apparatus, equipment, and machinery as is required by the Insurance Service Office for at least a fifth class or that otherwise might be required in order to maintain its efficiency and effectiveness within the City of London. All equipment shall be owned by the City of London. All such equipment of the London Fire Department shall be suitably housed at such station or stations as may be directed by the City Council of the City of London.

The London Fire Department shall be the custodian of all fire department equipment purchased by the City of London. The equipment of the London Fire Department may be used by other departments of the City of London from time to time, when requested by the Mayor.

SECTION 2: The officers of the London Fire Department shall be the Chief of the Fire Department and such other officers as may be provided by the by-laws adopted or enacted by the London Fire Department. The London Fire Department may enact by-laws and/or regulations for its own internal administrative purposes. Such by-laws or regulations shall be adopted by the members of the London Fire Department.

The Fire Department members shall elect a nominee as Chief of the London Fire Department and shall recommend that person as Fire Chief to the Mayor of the City of London. The Fire Chief shall be appointed for an indefinite term of office, pending his good conduct and efficiency and shall be removed only for cause effecting the efficiency of the London Fire Department.

SECTION 3: Pursuant to the provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the City of London shall provide the premium for liability insurance to be recommended to the Council by the Fire Chief or his designee, insuring the members of the Fire Department against acts, failure to act, or such other claims concerning the performance of their duties as members of the London Fire Department.

SECTION 4: The members of the London Fire Department shall be drilled regularly in the method of modern fire practice and procedure under the personal supervision of the Fire Chief or his designee.

The Fire Chief is authorized to appoint and discharge any and all members of the London Fire Department. All persons eligible for the London Fire Department shall be citizens of Laurel County, preferable London, Kentucky, must be capable of reading and writing the English language, of good moral character.

As members of the London Fire Department, it is understood by such members that they are not employees of the City of London and are therefore not compensated for any services to the City of London.

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief or his designee to drill and train the members of the London Fire Department and to be present at fires and direct the operations of the Department. The Fire Chief shall manage the operation of the London Fire Department, its various equipments, and stations, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping and efficient operation of the Fire Department.

The Fire Chief or his designee shall keep and maintain records at the Fire Department Headquarters and inventory list of all property belonging to the Fire Department; the Fire Chief or his designee shall similarly keep or maintain a daily record in which shall be entered all fire department matters in the order in which they may occur, including

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the names of members reporting to fires, the names of members reporting to drills, relevant data concerning fires, supplies purchased, and any other relevant facts relating to the operations of the Fire Department.

The Fire Chief or his designee may be present at the regular meetings of the City Council.

The Fire Chief shall be duly authorized to make applications for any and all available grants, incentive programs, or any financial aid of any nature whatsoever that may be available through any and all governmental agencies on behalf of the London Fire Department. The Fire Chief may seek the aid and assistance of the Mayor and City Clerk when necessary.

It shall be the duty of members of the London Fire Department to follow and obey the lawful orders of the Fire Chief and any and all other officers duly appointed by their by-laws and regulations.

On alarm of fire, members of the London Fire Department shall promptly report to the Fire Station or fire as the case may be. The fire signal shall be an electric siren, but will also be made by the London-Laurel County Dispatch Center on radio pagers or by telephone. All members of the London Fire Department shall report for instructive drills as may be directed by the Fire Chief or his designee.

SECTION 5: The City Council of the City of London shall budget in their annual budget for the Fire Department operation a sum of not less than \$500.00 per month. The City Council may also budget for such other Fire Department expenses as they may deem necessary and which the Council may authorize.

SECTION 6: The Fire Chief or Assistant Chief shall not leave the area of the City of London without a competent officer of the London Fire Department being notified of his leaving and such officer shall notify the Mayor of the absence.

SECTION 7: No person other than Fire Department personnel shall park a vehicle of any description within twenty (20) feet of the entrance of the London Fire Department buildings. A violation of this parking restriction shall be treated in the same manner as parking adjacent to a fire hydrant.

SECTION 8: The London City Police Department shall cooperate and assist the London Fire Department inasmuch as the policemen on duty at the time of a fire shall promptly answer all fire alarms and attend each fire and assist the Fire Chief and Fire Department in protecting the property and lives of the citizens as well as the property of the Fire Department.

SECTION 9: The Chief of the London Fire Department is hereby permitted and directed to answer fire alarms in cities and counties in the Southeastern Kentucky Firemen's Association, without further permission of the Mayor or the City Council being required, as set out in the running card adopted at the meeting of December 15, 1931, and as the same may hereafter be amended by unanimous agreement of the chiefs of the member cities or counties. This shall be known as Mutual Aid. It shall be in the sole discretion of the London Fire Department and the persons in charge thereof, in reference to the distance from the city limits to which out-of-town emergency calls may be answered, consistent with the safety and fire protection of property located within the city limits of the City of London, Kentucky.

SECTION 10: This Ordinance shall become effective upon publication, all ordinances and sections of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

  
Edward E. McFadden, Mayor

(SEAL OF CITY)

ATTESTED:

  
Patricia A. Depew, Clerk

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