

VILLAGE OF CHASE

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS BY-LAW NO. 154, 1977

WHEREAS the Municipal Act provides that Council may establish and regulate a fire department,

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of Chase, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:-

1. In this by-law, unless the context otherwise requires,
 - a) "Village" refers to the Village of Chase.
 - b) "Council" means the Council of the Village of Chase.
 - c) "Department" means the Chase Volunteer Fire Department.
 - d) "Member" means a member of the Chase Volunteer Fire Department, and includes an officer of the Department.
2. The present Volunteer Fire Brigade is hereby accepted and shall be known as the Chase Volunteer Fire Department.
3. The Department shall have not less than sixteen members and not more than twenty-two members.
4.
 - a) The Department at an Annual Meeting in March of each year shall elect from its members a chief, a Deputy Chief, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.
 - b) The Chief may appoint other officers from members of the Department as he considers necessary.
5. The Department is hereby authorized to enroll new members within the limits of Clause Three (3) of this By-law.
6. A person is qualified to be accepted as a member of the Department for firefighting duties who
 - a) is not less than 19 years of age and not more than 65 years of age;
 - b) is of good character;
 - c) passes such aptitude and other tests as may be required by the Chief of the Department,
 - d) passes a suitable medical examination, and submits to the Chief of the Department as evidence a certificate of health prepared by the examining medical doctor.
7. A person accepted as a member of the Department for fire-fighting duties shall be on probation for a period of three months, during which period he shall take such training and examinations as may be required by the Chief of the Department.
8. If a probationary member, accepted for fire-fighting duties, fails any such examination, the Chief of the Department may dismiss the member.
9. The remuneration of all members of the Department shall be as determined by Council.
10. The Chief of the Department is responsible to the Council for the proper administration and operation of the Department, for the discipline of its members, and
 - a) may make such general orders and departmental rules as may be necessary for the care and protection of the property of the Department, for the conduct of the members of the Department and generally for the efficient operation of the Department, provided that such general orders and rules do not conflict with the provisions of any by-law of the Village.
 - b) shall review periodically the policies and procedures of the Department and may establish an Advisory Committee consisting of such officers as he may determine from time to time to assist him in this duty;

- c) shall take all proper measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires and for the protection of life and property;
 - d) shall enforce all Village by-laws respecting fire prevention;
 - e) exercise all powers imposed on him by the Fire Marshals Act;
 - f) is responsible for the enforcement of this By-law and the General Orders and departmental rules;
 - g) shall report all fires to the Fire Marshal or Fire Commissioner as required by the Fire Marshals Act; and
 - h) shall submit to the Council by March 31st in each year for its approval, as required by Council, the annual budget estimates of the Department.
11. The Chief of the Department at a fire, shall have authority, in case of necessity and in his judgement, to pull down or demolish adjacent houses or other erections to prevent the spreading of fires.
12. Every member of the Department accepted for fire-fighting duties is subject to a medical examination at least once annually and at such other times as the Chief of the Department may require, with the cost of same to be borne by the Village of Chase.
13. a) Every member of the Department shall report for duty at the time prescribed by the Department rules and shall remain on duty until relieved.
- b) In the case of a member failing to report for duty, the officer in charge shall report this in writing, through his superior officer to the Chief of the Department.
- c) No member,
- (i) if his ability is impaired by the use of intoxicating beverage or drug, shall be permitted to remain on duty, and,
 - (ii) while on duty, shall consume any intoxicating beverage or drug.
14. The Department shall not respond to a call with respect to a fire or emergency outside the limits of the Village except with respect to a fire or emergency,
- a) that in the opinion of the Chief of the Department threatens property in the Village or property situated outside the Village that is owned or occupied by the Village.
 - b) in a Municipality with which an agreement has been entered into to provide fire protection;
 - c) on property with respect to which an agreement has been entered into with any person or corporation to provide fire protection therefore, or;
 - d) when called upon by the Area Civil Defence Co-ordinator in the event of national or local disaster.
15. The Department may respond to a fire outside the Village with a portable pump and equipment, provided the Village is not left short of firemen or equipment.
16. This By-law may be cited as "Village of Chase Volunteer Fire Department Regulations By-law No. 154, 1977."

READ a first time this 24th day of March, 1977.

READ a second time this 24th day of March, 1977.

READ a third time this 14th day of April, 1977.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 1977.

[Signature]
Clerk

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Mayor

Certified a true copy of By-law No. 154 of the Village of Chase.

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Clerk

A true copy of By-Law No. 154 registered in the office of the Inspector of Municipalities this 18th day of MAY 1977.
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Assistant Deputy Inspector of Municipalities