

**CITY OF SCANDIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 117**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION AND  
ESTABLISHING THE SCANDIA FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

The City Council of the City of Scandia hereby ordains:

**Section 1. CREATION OF THE FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT.**

**Subdivision 1. Creation.** The creation of a volunteer fire department known as the Scandia Fire and Rescue Department, which was established as the New Scandia Volunteer Fire Department in 1952, is hereby affirmed.

**Subdivision 2. Purpose.** The Department shall be responsible for the prevention and suppression of fires, the protection of life and property against fire, and the rendering of emergency services. The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required for its purposes.

**Section 2. PERSONNEL**

**Subdivision 1. Generally.** The Department shall consist of a fire chief, two assistant chiefs and such number of firefighters as shall be determined from time to time by the City Council. All firefighters shall be hired by the City Council as part-time, on-call employees of the city, and shall be subject to requirements established from time to time by the City Council pertaining to the qualifications, physical condition, training, duties and such other matters as may be required for the lawful and safe operation of the Fire Department.

**Subdivision 2. Duties of the Chief.** The chief shall report to and be accountable to the City Council. The chief shall be responsible for and have control at all times over the care and condition of all the firefighting apparatus, equipment, firefighters and quarters used by the fire department. The chief shall be responsible for the training and supervision of the members of the department, subject to policies and procedures established by the City Council. The chief shall make recommendations to the Council concerning the needs of the department, and maintain records concerning all activities of the department. The chief shall assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigation or causing to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances of all fires.

**Subdivision 3. Selection of Officers.**

- (A) The chief shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of four years ending on December 31, 2012 and every fourth year thereafter. The City Council may solicit the recommendation(s) of the members of the Fire Department prior to appointment of the chief.
- (B) The assistant chiefs shall be appointed by the City Council for a term of two years ending on March 1, 2011 and every second year thereafter. The City Council

shall solicit the recommendation(s) of the chief prior to the appointment of the assistant chiefs.

- (C) The chief may appoint other officers within the department for terms not to exceed two years as may be deemed necessary for the management of the Fire Department, subject to approval by the City Council.

**Subdivision 4. Rules and Policies.** The City Council shall have the power and authority to approve rules for the government of the Fire Department, define the duties of its officers and provide for the discipline and/or discharge of all personnel.

**Section 3. COMPENSATION**

Compensation of all Fire Department personnel shall be as established by City Council resolution from time to time.

**Section 4. POLICE POWER**

The members and officers of the fire department shall possess the police powers necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon them by law, while engaged in the service of fire protection or providing emergency services.

**Section 5. FIREFIGHTER RELIEF ASSOCIATION**

The members and officers of the fire department shall organize themselves into a firefighter's relief association.

**Section 6. REPEALER.** Any ordinance or resolution that may be in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

**Section 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Scandia this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

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Dennis D. Seefeldt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Anne Hurlburt, Clerk/Administrator