

# CHAPTER 5 - FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Section 5-1-1 Created; Composition

There is hereby created a Fire Department for the City which shall consist of a Fire Chief, and as many captains, assistants, firefighters, fire marshals and volunteer firefighters as may be deemed necessary from time to time by the Council.

### Section 5-1-2 Departmental Policies

The Fire Department shall be managed in accordance with such departmental policies as may from time to time be approved by Council resolution. All updates and amendments to departmental policies shall also be submitted to the Council for review and approval. The City Clerk shall maintain an updated copy of all such departmental policies. Standard Operating Guidelines may at the discretion of the Chief be adopted in accordance with good fire science. Standard operating guidelines shall not conflict with City or departmental policies. A copy of all such departmental standard operating guidelines shall be submitted to the City Manager and made available for Council review.

### Section 5-1-3 Powers and Duties of Chief

The Fire Chief shall:

- A. Be the administrative head of the Fire Department. He/she plans, organizes, directs, and evaluates fire suppression, emergency medical and fire prevention programs and all departmental operations all in conformance with the applicable Codes, and policies.

- B. Take personal command of firefighting activities at major fires, emergencies, and as appropriate. During the progress of a fire the authority of the Fire Chief shall be absolute in all matters directly concerning the extinguishment of the fire and the disposition of property endangered by it.
- C. Conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, emergency medical and rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the City, water supplies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good fire science and safety of life and property from fire.
- D. Review and approve specifications for new equipment and apparatus, and direct the maintenance, repair and replacement of firefighting equipment.
- E. Direct the preparation of records and reports to secure efficient operation, to meet service demands, and to comply with authorized requests for information regarding firefighting activities and personnel.
- F. When authorized by the City Manager attend regional, state and local conferences, conventions, and meetings to keep abreast of modern firefighting methods and techniques.
- G. Perform related work as required by City Code or State law.
- H. Enforce or cause to be enforced all ordinances affecting the operation of the department.

#### **Section 5-1-4 Powers and Duties of Deputy Chief**

The Deputy Chief shall perform all duties of the Fire Chief when the Fire Chief is absent and such other duties as may be required by departmental policies.

#### **Section 5-1-5 Appointment and Duties of Firefighters**

- A. Firefighters shall be appointed by the City Manager, or designee, upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief. Full time firefighters shall be subject to personnel rules of the City unless specifically excluded pursuant to this Code.
- B. Volunteer appointees shall be able-bodied citizens at least eighteen (18) years old whose business activities are normally within the confines of the City. Any new member accepted shall reside within a reasonable distance of the City, as determined by the Fire Chief. Volunteer firefighters may be removed by the Chief at any time without cause.

#### **Section 5-1-6 Entry Upon Adjacent Property**

- A. It shall be lawful for any firefighter acting under the direction of the Chief or

another officer in command to enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property that is on fire for the purpose of extinguishing such fire or addressing other life safety emergencies.

- B. No person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any firefighter in the discharge of his/her duty as herein provided.

**Section 5-1-7 Equipment**

- A. The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire.
- B. Recommendations concerning apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the Chief, and after approval by the Council, such apparatus and equipment shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the Council.
- C. All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such a place or places as may be designated by the Fire Chief.
- D. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.
- E. No person shall enter any place where the fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the department unless accompanied by, or having special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the department.
- F. No fire apparatus or equipment shall be hired out or permitted to leave the fire station except for training, in response to a call for aid at a fire within the corporate limits of the City, or in response to a call for aid at a fire in an area authorized for fire protection service pursuant to intergovernmental agreement or contract as approved by the Council from time to time.

**Section 5-1-8 Providing Fire Protection Outside the City**

- A. Limitations on Out-of-City Fire Service: No fire service shall be rendered outside the City of Globe by the Fire Department, except in the following cases:
  - 1. To protect City property located outside the City.
  - 2. To protect property within the City threatened by a fire outside the City.
  - 3. To protect other public property within a reasonable distance outside the City limits.

4. To go to the aid of a community threatened with disaster or loss of life as the result of a spreading and uncontrolled conflagration as determined by the Fire Chief.
  5. To go to the aid of a fire protection district, municipality or other governmental entity having a mutual aid agreement or contract in force with the City.
  6. In compliance with the adopted Emergency Operations Plan.
- B. Protection of Public Property: Nothing in this article shall prevent the Fire Department from rendering service to buildings which are owned or operated by Gila County, the State of Arizona, the United States of America, school districts, or by other such governmental agencies. The Fire Chief shall, at the time of a request for such service, determine if the Fire Department can, with safety to the property within the City limits, render City fire protection in county islands or other areas in or adjacent to the City. The City reserves the right to charge for such services. The decision to furnish such protection shall be at the discretion of the Fire Chief or his/her designated representative.
- C. Mutual Aid Agreements: The Council, shall be authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements between the City and the State or federal government, tribe, county, municipality, or publicly constituted fire district, within a reasonable distance of the City, wishing to participate in reciprocal fire protection service pursuant to state statute.
1. No agreement shall be effective until properly approved by the Mayor and Council and processed as required by State law.
  2. No response may be made by the Fire Department to calls for assistance outside the City when prior or coincident fire calls involving property within the City have been received which, in the judgment of the Fire Chief, may require the full use of City equipment.

#### **Section 5-1-9 Fire Alarms**

It is unlawful for any person to knowingly turn in, or cause to be turned in, a false alarm.

#### **Section 5-1-10 Orders of Fire Chief**

It is unlawful for any firefighter or citizen to refuse to obey an order issued by the Fire Chief, or designee, pursuant to his/her authority.

### **Section 5-1-11 Wearing Badges or Insignia of Officials**

It is unlawful for any person to wear a fireman's badge or insignia, or the badge or insignia of any public officer or inspector of the City when not properly authorized to wear such badge or insignia

### **Section 5-1-12 Fire Department Reserve Program**

- A. There is hereby created a Fire Department Reserve corps, which members shall be appointed by the Fire Chief and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief. Such members shall serve with such compensation as approved by the Council from time to time.
- B. The Chief may dismiss a member from the reserve without any hearing whatsoever, and each member shall have the right to resign from said reserve at any time.
- C. To be eligible for appointment as a reserve firefighter, a person shall:
  - 1. Be not less than 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or its equivalent.
  - 2. Be a resident of the State of Arizona.
  - 3. Be a citizen, or lawful resident of the United States if authorized under the Arizona Worker Act, and possess the ability to read and write the English language understandably.
  - 4. Be of good physical condition and mental health.
  - 5. Be of good moral character.
  - 6. Be able to pass medical, background and drug screen tests.
  - 7. Have a valid Arizona driver's license.
- D. The Fire Chief may set such additional requirements as he/she may deem necessary, and shall pick the best qualified applicants as reserve firefighters.
- E. Each appointee, before entering upon his duties, shall sign an oath stating that he/she will faithfully perform the duties of a reserve firefighter.
- F. The duties of reserve firefighters shall be to aid and assist the regular members of the Fire Department in the performance of regular fire duties as authorized by this Chapter and as prescribed by the Fire Chief.

- G. Reserve firefighters shall adhere to and be governed by the policies and guidelines laid down for the guidance of the Fire Department insofar as same are applicable to and consistent with the special and limited class of duty prescribed for reserve firefighters by the Fire Chief. Reserve firefighters shall also comply with all other applicable ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the City Council, and as instructed by the Fire Chief.
- H. Reserve firefighters shall not be subject to, or acquire any rights under, the civil service rules or the fire pension fund of the State or of this City.
- I. Reserve firefighters shall conform to those specifications and regulations as designated by the Fire Chief.
- J. In the enforcement of the ordinances of the City, and in the performance of such other duties as may be designated by the Chief, every duly authorized member shall be deemed to have all the powers of a firefighter.
- K. No person shall impersonate a reserve firefighter nor shall any person undertake the duties of a reserve firefighter without having first been appointed by the Fire Chief.
- L. Reserves may be required to provide uniforms and other equipment for their use. The City may, in its discretion, provide a uniform allowance.

### **Section 5-1-13 Emergency Services Costs Recovery**

The Mayor and Council may from time to time adopt a schedule of fees for emergency services response and may, by contract, or otherwise, recover such fees from any person that is not a resident of the City of Globe or within an Automatic-Aid Intergovernmental area as provided by Intergovernmental Agreement. Responses involving intoxicated drivers, hazmat clean-up, criminal or negligent acts may be subject to all applicable fees from the responsible party regardless of residency, as determined by the Fire Chief, or designee, in consultation with the City Attorney.

### **5-1-14 PERMISSIBLE CONSUMER FIREWORKS PROHIBITED IN CITY; NOTICE REQUIRED**

- A. The use of permissible consumer fireworks as defined by A.R.S. 36-1601 (5), as amended, including ground and hand-held sparkling devices, cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, toy smoke devices, wire sparklers or dipped sticks, multiple tube fireworks devices and pyrotechnic articles, are prohibited and violation hereof shall be punishable as provided by Section 1-5-1 (A).
- B. Any person engaged in the sale of permissible consumer fireworks within the City shall prominently display signs at each cash register and in each area where such fireworks are displayed for sale indicating that the use of all fireworks within

the City of Globe is prohibited. Signs required by this subsection shall reference this Section 5-1-14. Failure to display signs as provided herein is punishable as provided in Section 1-5-1 (A).

- C. No roadside or sidewalk sales of permissible fireworks shall be allowed with the City as provided by Section 3301 of the 2003 International Fire Code. <sup>1</sup>
- D. Retail areas in buildings open to the public for the sale of permissible fireworks shall be equipped with an operable automatic sprinkler system that complies with Chapter 9 of the 2003 edition of the International Fire Code. <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> **Editor's Notes:** Originally adopted by and through Ordinance No. 805, 7/18/11.

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## **Article 5-2 FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

Section 5-2-1	Adoption of the International Fire Code
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Section 5-2-4	Violation – Penalties

### **Section 5-2-1 Adoption of the International Fire Code**

The “International Fire Code” 2003 Edition, prepared and published by the International Code Council, shall be the Fire Code of the City of Globe.

### **Section 5-2-2 New Materials, Processes or Occupancy**

The City Manager and the Fire Chief shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies for which permits are required in addition to those now enumerated in said Fire Code. The Chief shall post such list in a conspicuous place in his/her office, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons and he/she shall forthwith request this Code to be amended to include such changes.

### **Section 5-2-3 Local Amendments to International Fire Code**

Section 101.1. Insert: “the City of Globe”

Section 104 add a new section 104.2.1 to read as follows:

104.2.1 New Construction Plans. Construction plans shall be submitted to the fire department for review of all new construction fire apparatus access roads and fire protection systems.

Section 109.3 Insert: “civil violation” and \$2500. per day”

Section 111.4 Insert: “as provided in Section 109.3”

Section 401 by the addition of a new subsection 401.3.2.1 to read as follows:

401.3.2.1 Resetting Alarms. No person shall reset a fire or emergency alarm system, alarm initiating device, or component, until the fire department arrives. Exception: The person responsible for the property may silence the alarm where there is no evidence of fire or emergency provided that the fire department is immediately notified.

Section 503 by the addition of the following language to existing section 503.1.1, entitled, “Buildings and Facilities” to read as follows:



“The fire access road may be extended not to exceed 300 feet (91440 mm) from any portion of any building that is protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system in accordance with section 903.3.”

Section 503.2.1 is revised to read as follows:

“503.2.1 Dimensions. New fire apparatus access roads shall have an unobstructed width of not less than 24 feet (6096 mm), except for approved security gates in accordance with section 503.6 and unobstructed vertical clearance of not less than 15 feet (4572 mm).

Section 503.2.5 entitled “Dead Ends” is hereby amended by the addition of the following language:

“Dead end access roads may be up to 300 feet to buildings protected with an automatic fire sprinkler system in accordance with Section 903.3 of this Code. Dead end access roads shall not have more than one turn for fire apparatus to back around. The total aggregate of the turn shall not be less than 90 degrees.”

Section 503.2.7, entitled “Grade” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“No new fire apparatus access roadway grade shall exceed 6% unless the roadway is paved hard and smooth with materials such as asphalt. Grades shall not exceed 12% unless the surface of the roadway is constructed of concrete. Grades shall not exceed 15% unless approved in writing by the fire Code official.”

Section 503 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 503.7 to read as follows:

“503.7. Residential Development Fire Apparatus Access Roads. New residential subdivisions in excess of thirty (30) units shall be provided with two separate and approved fire apparatus access roads.”

Section 610.2 entitled “Where required” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“Commercial kitchen hoods shall be equipped as provided in section 904.5.”

Section 901.6.2, entitled “Records” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“Maintenance and repair records of fire protection systems shall be forwarded to the fire Code official within thirty (30) days of the work

performed.”

Section 903.2.7 entitled “Group R” is amended by the addition of the following language:

“An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed at the top of rubbish and linen chutes and in their terminal rooms. Chutes extending through three or more floors shall have additional sprinkler heads installed within such chutes at alternate floors. Chute sprinklers shall be accessible for service.”

Section 903.3.1.2 entitled “NFPA 13R sprinkler systems” is amended by the addition of a new subsection 903.3.1.2.2 to read as follows:

“903.3.1.2.2 Required Fire Protection Systems. For the purpose of inspection, testing, or maintenance of NFPA 13R fire protection systems in R-1 and R-2 occupancies, there shall be provided at the time of new construction, an exterior access door on the side of the building next to the fire sprinkler riser of adequate size to allow for valves and gauges to be accessed, repaired and viewed from the exterior for such testing and maintenance purposes. The dimensions of the access door shall be as approved by the fire Code official.”

Section 903.4 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 903.4.4 to read as follows:

“903.4.4 Post Indicator Valves. Where automatic fire sprinkler control valves are equipped with a post indicator valve (PIV) the PIV shall have the post painted red with the address of the building being served stenciled on the post in white numbers. Post indicator valves shall be locked open.”

Section 912.1, entitled “Installation” is hereby amended by the addition of the following language:

“For all commercial occupancies requiring an automatic fire sprinkler system at least one fire department connection (FDC) shall be installed as approved by the fire Code official. The FDC shall provide a single 2½” (63.5mm) Iron Pipe Thread female hose inlet for systems requiring a design flow of 500GPM or less. Systems of a design flow greater than 500GPM shall provide two 2½” (63.5mm) Iron Pipe Thread female hose inlet connections.”

Section 1011 is amended by the addition of a new subsection 1011.6 to read as follows:

"1011.6 Floor Level Exit Signs. When exit signs are required by Section 1011.1, additional approved low-level exit signs which are internally or externally illuminated, photo luminescent, or self-luminous, shall be provided in all interior corridors serving guest rooms in Group R-1 occupancies. The bottom of the sign shall not be less than 6 inches (152 mm) or more than 8 inches (203 mm) above the floor level. For exit doors, the sign shall be on the door or adjacent to the door with the closest edge of the sign within 4 inches (102 mm) of the door frame. Exception: Where all sleeping units on a floor have a direct means of egress to the exterior."<sup>3</sup>

#### **Section 5-2-4 Violation - Penalties**

- A. A person shall be guilty of a civil violation punishable as provided in section 1-5-1(A) if he/she is found to:
1. Violate or fail to comply with any provision of the Fire Code or standards hereby adopted.
  2. Violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder.
  3. Build in violation of any detailed statement of specifications or plans submitted and approved thereunder, or any certificate or permit issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken.
  4. Fail to comply with such an order as affirmed or modified by the Chief or by a court of competent jurisdiction, within the time fixed herein.
  5. Fail to comply with any other provisions of this Chapter 5.
- B. The imposition of one penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each day that prohibited conditions are maintained or allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.
- C. The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the forced removal of prohibited conditions.

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<sup>3</sup> **Editor's Notes:** International Fire Code, 2003 edition, and local amendments thereto originally adopted by Ordinance No. 760 (2008)