

Chapter 205

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION

ARTICLE I

Fire Department

Section 205.010. Composition. [R.O. 2012 §205.010; CC 1979 §11-6; Ord. No. 522 §1, 8-13-1921; Ord. No. A-5621 §§1 – 2, 11-20-1992; Ord. No. A-6328 §§1 – 2, 7-24-1996; Ord. No. 6688 §1, 5-13-1998; Ord. No. 7677, 8-16-2006; Ord. No. 8823, 12-21-2020]

- A. The City Council authorizes the following positions within the Monett Fire Department: Fire Chief (1), Captains (3), Lieutenants (3), Fire Marshal/Code Inspector (1), Firefighters (as needed), Volunteer Firefighters (as needed). One (1) Captain may be appointed as Deputy Chief at the discretion of the Fire Chief. The Fire Marshal/Code Inspector is authorized as a full-time position but may be filled at the discretion of the Fire Chief or those duties may be assigned to a member of the Fire Department.
- B. The chain of command for the Monett Fire Department is as follows: The Fire Chief has supervisory control over the Deputy Chief/Captain, Captains and the Fire Marshal/Code Inspector. The Captains have supervisory control over the Lieutenants, Firefighters and Voluntary Firefighters. If no Deputy Chief/Captain is appointed, in the absence of the Fire Chief the shift Captain shall exercise supervisory control of the department until his/her shift expires and supervisory control is transferred to the following shift Captain.
- C. In the absence of a shift Captain, the shift Lieutenant shall exercise supervisory control over the Firefighters and Volunteer Firefighters for that shift. In the absence of a shift Captain, the shift Lieutenant shall be paid the Captain's rate of pay for that shift. In the absence of a shift Lieutenant, a Firefighter shall be assigned those tasks and shall be paid the Lieutenant's rate of pay for that shift.
- D. All full-time members of the Fire Department shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall live within thirty (30) miles of the nearest Monett City Fire Station as measured on public roads.

Section 205.020. Electricians and Employees Assisting Utilities Superintendent Made Ex Officio Members. [R.O. 2012 §205.020; CC 1979 §11-7; Ord. No. A-424 §§1 – 3, 6-1-1920]

All electricians and employees assisting the Utilities Superintendent shall be ex officio members of the Fire Department and shall serve in such capacity at no additional salary.

Section 205.030. Headquarters. [R.O. 2012 §205.030; CC 1979 §11-8; Ord. No. 522 §2, 8-13-1921]

The City Council shall provide suitable headquarters for the operation of the Fire Department.

Section 205.040. Officers Generally – Council To Select Volunteer Members, Upon Recommendation of Chief. [R.O. 2012 §205.040; CC 1979 §11-9; Ord. No. 522 §3, 8-13-1921; Ord. No. 6689 §1, 5-13-1998]

The Officers of the Fire Department shall be one (1) Chief and such other Officers as the City Council may designate. All officers and members shall be active and vigilant in the discharge of their duties as Firefighters and shall do and perform all duties required of them by this Code, other ordinances of the City and the orders of the Fire Chief. The volunteer members of the Fire Department shall be selected by the City Council, upon the recommendation of the Chief.

Section 205.050. Fire Chief – Appointment – Term – Removal. [R.O. 2012 §205.050; CC 1979 §11-10; Ord. No. 522 §8, 8-13-1921]

The Chief of the Fire Department shall be appointed by the City Council and shall hold office until his/her successor shall be appointed and qualified. No person shall be appointed Fire Chief unless he/she is, at the time of his/her appointment, a citizen of the United States and a person of good moral character.

Section 205.060. Fire Chief – Bond – Powers and Duties Generally – Police Powers. [R.O. 2012 §205.060; CC 1979 §11-11; Ord. No. 522 §4, 8-13-1921]

The Chief of the Fire Department, before assuming his/her duties, shall give bond to the City in such amount and with such sureties as may be established from time to time by the City Council, conditioned that he/she will faithfully discharge his/her duties and safely keep and account for and turn over to his/her successor all fire apparatus, properties and effects belonging to the City under his/her charge. He/she shall at all times have the superintending control of all members of the Department and of all fire apparatus, fire trucks, hose and all other property belonging to the Fire Department. With the approval and consent of the Council, he/she shall make such rules for the regulation of the Department as he/she may deem necessary. He/she shall have the same police powers as the Chief of Police while actually engaged in the extinguishment of fires.

Section 205.070. Fire Chief – Absence or Inability To Act. ¹

In case of the absence or inability of the Fire Chief to act, the shift Captain on duty shall be in charge.

Section 205.080. Fire Chief – Attendance At Fires – Members of Department To Obey Orders – Maintenance of Equipment. [R.O. 2012 §205.080; CC 1979 §11-13; Ord. No. 522 §6, 8-13-1921]

The Fire Chief shall attend all fires that may occur in the City as far as practicable, and all orders given by him/her to any member of the Fire Department shall be promptly obeyed. He/she shall maintain all equipment in such manner as to have such equipment at all times available for use.

Section 205.085. Additional Duties of Members of The Monett Fire Department. [R.O. 2012 §205.085; Ord. No. 6691 §1, 5-13-1998]

¹. Editor's note – Prior to adoption of the 2013 recodification, the City removed previous section 205.070 and replaced it with the language set out above, former section 205.070 derived from R.O. 2012 §205.070; CC 1979 §11-12; Ord. No. 522 §5, 8-13-21; Ord. No. 6690 §1, 5-13-98.

- A. In addition to the foregoing provisions of this Article, all members of the Fire Department shall, while on-duty, observe the following regulations:
1. *Going off duty.* No member of the Fire Department shall go off-duty until regularly relieved, without special permission from the Fire Chief.
 2. *Absence from City.* No member of the Fire Department shall absent himself/herself from the City or from duty without permission from the Fire Chief or his/her designated representative.
 3. *Payment of debts.* Members of the Monett Fire Department must pay all honest debts as speedily as possible and avoid delinquencies being forced upon the attention of the Council. Disregard for this rule shall be punished by reprimand, suspension or dismissal.
 4. *Changes of address.* Every member of the Fire Department shall report all changes of address to the Fire Chief.
 5. *Converting City vehicles to personal use – transporting private persons.* No member of the Fire Department shall convert the use of any motor vehicle owned, used or controlled by the City to his/her own private use or to the use of any private person, or transport any private person without orders from the Fire Chief or Mayor, except when necessary in the performance of his/her official duties.

Section 205.090. Fire Chief – Examination of and Orders Relating To Premises. [R.O. 2012 §205.090; CC 1979 §11-14; Ord. No. 522 §7, 8-13-1921]

It shall be the duty of the Fire Chief to examine all premises in which he/she may apprehend danger from fire to exist and make such orders, in writing, in regard thereto as will, in his/her opinion, best guard against such danger. In case any person shall neglect or refuse to obey such written orders when given, such person shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation.

Section 205.100. Burning Weeds, Houses, Etc. [R.O. 2012 §205.100; CC 1979 §11-15; Ord. No. A-2781 §1, 10-9-69]

The City Fire Department will not burn weeds, houses or any other substance at the request of any person, unless it is determined by a department head or the City Council that the same is necessary for the purposes of the City.

ARTICLE II Fire Prevention Code

Section 205.110. Adoption of Fire Prevention Code. [R.O. 2012 §205.110; Ord. No. A-7084 §1, 10-26-2001; Ord. No. A-7089 §1, 10-26-2001; Ord. No. 8045, 5-20-2011; Ord. No. 8514, 4-20-2017]

That a certain document, one (1) copy of which is on file in the office of the Building Official of the City of Monett, Missouri, and one (1) copy of which is on file at the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, being marked and designated as the International Fire Code, including applicable Appendix Chapters as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Code of the City of Monett, Missouri, for regulating and governing the

safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the City of Monett, and providing for the issuance of permits for hazardous uses or operations; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, conditions and terms of such International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, published by the International Code Council, on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Monett, are hereby referred to, adopted and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this Section with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any prescribed in Section 205.120 of this Article.

Section 205.120. Additions, Insertions and Changes. [R.O. 2012 §205.120; Ord. No. A-7084 §1, 10-26-2001; Ord. No. A-7089 §2, 10-26-2001; Ord. No. 8045, 5-20-2011; Ord. No. 8514, 4-20-2017; Ord. No. 8593, 5-21-2018]

The following Sections are hereby revised:

Section 101.1 Insert: The City of Monett, Missouri.

Section 103.1 Insert: The Chief of the Fire Department is the Code Officer in charge of the Department of Fire.

Section 109.4 Insert: Ordinance Violation five hundred dollars (\$500.00), one hundred (100) days.

Section 111.4 Insert: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Section 319 of the 2018 International Fire Code relating to Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles is hereby adopted.

Section 5806.2 Insert: The City of Monett, Missouri.

Section 5704.2.9.6.1 Insert: The City of Monett, Missouri.

Section 5706.2.4.4 Insert: The City of Monett, Missouri.

Section 6104.2 Insert: The City of Monett, Missouri.

Section 205.130. Establishment of Limits. [R.O. 2012 §205.130; Ord. No. A-7084 §1, 10-26-2001; Ord. No. A-7089 §3, 10-26-2001; Ord. No. 8514, 4-20-2017]

That the limits referred to in certain Sections of the 2012 International Fire Code are hereby established as follows:

Section 5806.2 (limits in which the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited): Limits shall be the City limits of Monett, Missouri.

Section 5704.1 Gasoline and diesel storage tanks at service stations shall be below ground tanks or vaulted tanks.

Section 5704.2.9.6.1 (limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited): Limits shall be the City limits of Monett, Missouri.

Section 5706.2.4.4 (limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground

tanks is prohibited): Limits shall be the City limits of Monett, Missouri.

Section 6104.2 (limits in which the storage of liquefied petroleum is restricted for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas): Limits shall be the City limits of Monett, Missouri.

ARTICLE III
Mutual Aid

Section 205.140. Mutual Aid or Emergency Assistance Requests By The Barry-Lawrence County Ambulance District. [R.O. 2012 §205.140; Ord. No. A-6579 §§1 – 6, 9-22-1997; Ord. No. 7641, 2-21-2006; Ord. No. 8098, 11-21-2011]

- A. At any time the BLCAD needs assistance from the Monett Fire Department, BLCAD shall make a request through the Communications Department for "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance". In the event there is a need for Police Department assistance the request shall be made for "mutual aid". When making a request of aid or assistance from either department, or both, BLCAD personnel shall be expected to, the extent possible and practicable, fully advise the requested agency or agencies of the nature and circumstances surrounding the request in order that the responding agency or agencies may respond appropriately. In the event information concerning the nature and circumstances is not readily available, the responding agency shall be so advised. In the unlikely event that aid or assistance cannot be rendered as requested, the requested agency shall immediately advise BLCAD that such aid or assistance cannot be rendered.
- B. Unless "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" cannot be rendered due to circumstances existing at the time same is requested, the Monett Fire Department shall provide "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" to BLCAD in the event of:
1. All residential, industrial and commercial calls in the City of Monett involving the following:
 - a. Chest pain;
 - b. Respiratory distress;
 - c. Unknown complaints;
 - d. Falls; and
 - e. Any request by the Monett Police Department.
 2. All industrial calls involving trauma.
 3. Motor vehicle accidents that are J-unknowns and J-2s or greater in the City of Monett and surrounding area where extrication is not available.
 4. Any call where assistance is needed in removing a patient safely.
 5. Any request by the Barry-Lawrence County ambulance personnel, after an on-scene assessment deems additional medical assistance is required.
 6. Anytime the Barry-Lawrence County ambulance service is tied up on a prior call or out of district, fire mutual aid first responders will be notified immediately.

7. Fire mutual aid will not respond to nursing homes or doctors' offices unless there is a CODE BLUE.
- C. Unless "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" cannot be rendered due to circumstances existing at the time same is requested, the Monett Fire Department shall provide "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" to BLCAD upon request of BLCAD personnel following on-scene assessment which indicates that said aid or assistance is required.
 - D. In the event "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" cannot be rendered due to circumstances existing at the time same is requested, the responding agency shall render "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" at such time as early as possible and practicable.
 - E. In the event that BLCAD personnel at any time become aware of facts or circumstances that "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" is not reasonably necessary, BLCAD personnel shall immediately notify the responding agency of same and cancel its "mutual aid" and/or "medical assistance" request(s) which have been previously requested.
 - F. The Chief of the Monett Fire Department, the E-911 Director, and the Director of the Barry-Lawrence County Ambulance District, or their designees, shall hold meetings twice per year in January and July, the first Tuesday of the month. Notwithstanding the above, said meetings shall be conducted at any other times when deemed necessary and proper.
[Ord. No. 8414, 1-20-2016]