

CITY OF AVOCA

TITLE II: OFFICERS, ADMINISTRATION, AND PERSONNEL **CHAPTER 9: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

9.01 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY. To prevent and extinguish fires and to protect lives and property against fires, to promote fire prevention and fire safety, to provide out-of-hospital emergency medical services, to respond to and mitigate hazardous materials incidents, and to answer all emergency calls for which there is no other established agency.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 364.16)

9.02 DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION. The Fire Department shall consist of the Fire Chief and such other officers and personnel as may be authorized by the City Council.

9.03 APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF. The Fire Chief shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

(Code of Iowa, Chapter 372.4 [2])

9.04 QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS. Persons eighteen (18) years of age or older who meet established entrance requirements for the Fire Department shall be qualified to serve as firefighters, fire medics and staff specialists.

9.04 DUTIES OF MEMBERS. When called by the Fire Chief or the Dispatcher, all members shall report for duty immediately in the manner directed by the Fire Chief. They shall be subject to call at any time. They shall obey strictly the commands of any other officer who has been appointed by the Fire Chief to be in command. Members shall follow all rules and regulations established for the Fire Department.

9.05 FIRE CHIEF DUTIES. The duties and responsibilities of the Fire Chief shall be the following:

1. Efficiency of the Fire Department. Be charged with the duty of maintaining the efficiency, discipline, and leadership of the department. The members of the Fire Department are subject to the direction of the Fire Chief.
2. Management. Be responsible for the direction of the operations of the Fire Department; be vested with all powers, rights and privileges attending the responsibility of management; and exercise the same, where appropriate, by rules, directives or other orders which shall be binding on all personnel of the Fire Department when duly promulgated.

3. Organization. Determine and establish the form of organization of the Fire Department; create subordinate organizational subdivisions or sections within the Fire Department; and determine and define the functions, duties and responsibilities of each.
4. Property. Maintain all property, equipment, facilities and premises necessary to the operation of the Fire Department; and dispose of the same in such manner as may be authorized by law.
5. Fire Prevention. Enforce all laws and ordinances regulating fire prevention requirements with the City.
6. Right of Entry. Have the power of entry into any building or premises within his jurisdiction for the purpose of making such investigation or inspection which, under law or ordinance, he may consider necessary to be made.
7. Fire Hazards. Make such recommendations to owners, occupants, managers or caretakers of buildings for the purposes of eliminating fire hazards as are provided for by law or ordinance.
8. State Fire Marshal. At the request of the state fire marshal, and as provided by law, aid such marshal in the performance of the marshal's duties by investigating, preventing and reporting data pertaining to fires.
9. Water Supply. Review and monitor the City water system as it relates to fire protection, making recommendations to the Superintendent of Public Works regarding repairs, modifications or additions to said system as required to maintain or improve fire protection.
10. City Council Meetings. Attend all City Council meetings as requested.

28.05 FIRES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS. The Fire Department shall answer calls to fires and other emergencies outside the City limits within the limits established by Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid agreements.