

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY CODE

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SEC. 31-1. FIRE PREVENTION CODE

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 27, CODE OF VIRGINIA, 1950, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FIRE MARSHAL DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF "THE STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE"

This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Pittsylvania County Fire Prevention Code.

SEC. 31-1.1 OFFICIAL ACTION.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County, the Fire Marshal Department is hereby designated to act as the enforcing agency for the enforcement of "The Statewide Fire Prevention Code" duly adopted by the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development under authority of 27-97, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

SEC. 31-1.2 ENFORCEMENT.

The enforcement procedures of "The Statewide Fire Prevention Code" shall be instituted by the fire official and administered in accordance with the provisions set forth in the "Statewide Fire Prevention Code" and Section Four.

SEC. 31-1.3 APPEALS.

The Pittsylvania County Building Board of Appeals is hereby designated as the appeals board to hear appeals arising from the application of the provisions of "The Statewide Fire Prevention Code."

SEC. 31-1.4 ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES.

The fire official shall establish such procedures or requirements as may be necessary for administration and enforcement of this ordinance. The procedures are to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

SEC. 31-1.5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 A. M., following the date of its adoption.

Adopted: January 17, 1989

SEC. 31-2. OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY.

- A. Be it hereby ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County that the Pittsylvania County Code of 1975 be amended to include a Subsection 31.2, entitled **“OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE COUNTY.”**
- B. Pursuant to the authority of Section 27.14 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County recognizes the following Volunteer Fire Departments as Official Volunteer Fire Departments servicing the County:
1. Bachelors Hall Volunteer Fire Department.
 2. Blairs Volunteer Fire Department.
 3. Brosville Community Volunteer Fire Department.
 4. Callands Volunteer Fire Department.
 5. Chatham Volunteer Fire Department.
 6. Climax Volunteer Fire Department.
 7. Cool Branch Volunteer Fire Company, Incorporated.
 8. Gretna Volunteer Fire Department.
 9. Hurt Volunteer Fire Department.
 10. Laurel Grove Volunteer Fire Department.
 11. Mt. Cross Volunteer Fire Department.
 12. Mt. Hermon Volunteer Fire Department.
 13. Renan Volunteer Fire Department.
 14. Riceville-Java Volunteer Fire Department.
 15. Ringgold Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.
 16. Smith Mountain Lake Marina Volunteer Fire Department.
 17. Tunstall Volunteer Fire Department.

- 18. River Bend Volunteer Fire Department.
- 19. Dry Fork Volunteer Fire Department **(B.S.M. 11/21/95)**
- 20. Cascade Volunteer Fire Department **(B.S.M. 4-18-00)**
- 21. Keeling Volunteer Fire Department **(B.S.M. 9-5-00)**
- 22. Kentuck Volunteer Fire Department **(B.S.M. 9-5-00)**

- C. These departments will be eligible for expenditure reimbursements based on the policies and guidelines as may from time to time be established, amended or rescinded by the Board of Supervisors, and included in the annual budget.
- D. These departments will be recognized individually and the County will contribute a local match in operating funds to each recognized department dollar for dollar not to exceed fifteen hundred (\$1,500) for each department, subject to actual, annual or more frequent appropriations as may be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed a continuing obligation or commitment nor does the Board of Supervisors have or maintain any involvement with the operation, ownership or management of any such fire department on said list or hereafter recognized. Provided further that if any such fire department shall fail to maintain its corporate status or otherwise fail to comply with any regulations, guidelines or policies of the Board of Supervisors or for other good cause the Board shall deem sufficient, the name may be stricken from the approved list by a majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.
(B.S.M. 9-7-82)

SEC. 31-2a. OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS OPERATING WITHIN THE COUNTY.

- A. Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County that the Pittsylvania County Code of 1975 be amended to include a subsection 31.2 (a) entitled “Officially Recognized Volunteer Rescue Squads Operating within the County.”
- B. There shall be hereby authorized the following rescue squads operating within the jurisdictional boundaries of Pittsylvania County serving the areas approved in their State Charter.
- C. The Board of Supervisors may fund, annually, or from time to time, contributions to assist these rescue squads to provide emergency medical service to the County.
 - 1. Danville Life Saving and First Aid Crew.
 - 2. Chatham Rescue Squad, Incorporated.

3. Gretna Rescue Squad, Incorporated.
4. Route 640 Rescue Squad.
5. Altavista Life Saving Crew, Incorporated.
6. 50% Service Area, Hurt Rescue Squad.
7. Cool Branch Volunteer Rescue Squad.
8. Laurel Grove Fire & Rescue Service **(B.S.M. 2-3-92)**
9. Blairs Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
10. Brosville Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
11. Callands Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
12. Mt. Cross Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
13. Mt. Hermon Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
14. Ringgold Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
15. Tunstall Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad **(B.S.M. 1-18-05)**
16. Cascade Volunteer Fire & Rescue **(B.S.M. 5-20-08)**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

SEC. 31-3. JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTER PROGRAM.

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County that the Pittsylvania County Code of 1975, be amended to include a subsection 31.3 entitled “Junior Fire Fighter Program.”

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 40.1-79.1, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, as the same may be from time to time amended hereafter, the County of Pittsylvania, Virginia does hereby authorize any minor child, sixteen (16) years of age or older, with parental or legal guardian approval, to work with or participate fully in all activities of a Volunteer Fire Company or Department, officially recognized by this chapter, provided such minor has obtained certification under National Fire Protection Association 1001, Level 1, firefighter standards, as administered by the Virginia Department of Fire Programs.

- B. Any trainer or instructor of such minor or any member of a paid or Volunteer Fire Company or Department recognized in this chapter who supervises such minor shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 40.1-103, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, as the same may from time to time be amended hereafter, provided the Volunteer Fire Company or Department or the governing body of Pittsylvania County, Virginia has purchased insurance which provides coverage for injuries to or the death of such minor in the performance of activities under this section.
- C. It is hereby further ordained that the registered Volunteer Fire Department with whom such minor shall participate in firefighter activities shall abide by all Virginia Department of Fire Programs policies for all junior firefighters including:
1. The junior firefighter shall reside in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and evidence of such residency shall be provided by the junior firefighter and reviewed by a representative of the recognized volunteer fire department.
 2. The junior firefighter shall present an original letter signed by his/her parent or legal guardian evidencing the parent or legal guardian's consent that the junior firefighter participate in activities under this section.
 3. The junior firefighter shall have a copy of the current liability insurance policy for junior firefighters.
- D. Compliance with this Subsection C shall not be required for the trainer, instructor or member of a recognized fire department to be exempt from the provisions of Section 40.1-103 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as provided for in Subsection B of this ordinance. **(B.S.M. 4-4-05)**