

Town of Patten
Fire Department Ordinance

Section 1. Title.

This ordinance shall be known as the Fire Department Ordinance for the Town of Patten.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Municipal Fire Department, and to define the powers and duties of the Fire Chief and members of the department. An additional purpose of this ordinance is to provide the maximum legal protection available to the Fire Chief and municipal firefighters, and to best protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Patten.

Section 3. Authority.

Pursuant to Art. VIII, pt. 2, § 1 of the Maine Constitution, 30-A M.R.S. § 3001 and § 3153 *et seq.*, the municipality of the Town of Patten hereby establishes a Municipal Fire Department.

Section 4. Definitions.

Municipal Fire Department: The organized firefighting unit was established pursuant to this ordinance.

Municipal Firefighter: An active volunteer member, whether full-time, part-time, or on call of the municipal fire department, who aids in the extinguishment of fires or an individual that receives compensation from the municipality for aiding in the extinguishment of fires and is at least 18 years of age.

Section 5. Duties.

The Municipal Fire Department shall prevent and extinguish fires and provide firefighting protection within the municipality of Town of Patten and surrounding towns as provided by mutual aid or other contractual agreements approved by the Patten Select Board.

Section 6. Fire Chief.

- A. Appointment. The position of Fire Chief will be for a one-year term. All interested parties should apply for the position with the Town Manager. Once the position has been filled the candidate will be approved by the Patten Select Board.

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- B. Compensation. The Fire Chief's compensation shall be established by the municipal officers.
- C. Powers and duties. The Fire Chief shall have the powers and duties set forth in 30-A M.R.S. § 3153, et.al. except that administrative rules and regulations promulgated by the Fire Chief shall not be effective until approved by the municipal officers.
- D. Reports. The Fire Chief shall submit an oral monthly report on the activities of the department to the Select Board during one of its monthly meetings and shall discharge such other duties as may be required by the municipal officers.

Section 7. Firefighters.

Municipal firefighters shall have the powers and duties set forth in 30-A M.R.S. § 3151 *et seq.*, and as set forth in any administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 6(C) above.

Section 8. Assistant Fire Chief.

- A. Appointment. The position of Assistant Fire Chief will be for a one-year term. All interested parties should apply for the position with the Town Manager. Once the position has been filled the candidate will be approved by the Patten Select Board. The Assistant Fire Chief will act with full authority in the absence of the Fire Chief and shall have responsibilities as set forth in any administrative rules and regulations adopted pursuant to section 6(C) above.
- B. Compensation. The Assistant Fire Chief's compensation shall be established by the municipal officers.

Section 9. Other officers.

Other officers will be voted on by the Fire Department members and approved by the Town Manager and Patten Select Board.

Section 10. Severability

The invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part thereof.

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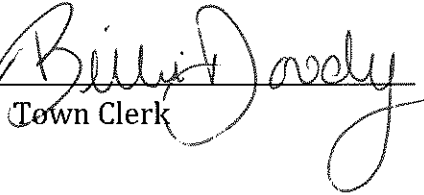
This ordinance shall not in any way affect compliance with any other Town of Patten ordinances.

Approved by the Patten Planning Board on 07/02/2024.

Approved by the Patten Select Board on 07/09/2024.

Approved by the Town of Patten residents on 07/23/2024.

Attested: True Copy


Town Clerk

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