

TOWN OF PATTEN FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I
TITLE, PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, DEFINITION

SECTION 101. TITLE

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

SECTION 102. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance are to establish in the manner provided by law a municipal fire department, and to define the powers and duties of the chief of this department. The further purpose of this ordinance is to provide the maximum legal protection available to the department chief and municipal firefighters, and to best protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Patten.

SECTION 103. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. _2001 et seq., _3001 et seq., and _3151 et seq.

SECTION 104. DEFINITIONS

104.1 MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

A municipal fire department means an organized firefighting unit established pursuant to this ordinance.

104.2 MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTERS

A municipal firefighter shall mean an active member, whether full-time, part-time or on call, of a municipal fire department, who aides in the extinguishment of fires or an individual who receives compensation from the municipality for aiding in the extinguishment of fires and is at least 18 years of age.

ARTICLE II
MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 201. ESTABLISHMENT

There shall be a Municipal Fire Department which is hereby established by this ordinance.

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SECTION 202. DUTIES

The Municipal Fire Department shall provide firefighting protection within the Town of Patten and elsewhere as provided by mutual aid or other contractual agreement approved by the municipal officers.

SECTION 203. FIRE CHIEF

203.1 APPOINTMENT

The head of the Municipal Fire Department shall be the Fire Chief, who shall be elected by the firefighters and appointed by the selectmen.

203.2 TERMS, COMPENSATION

The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the municipal officers for a term of 1 year. The compensation of the fire chief shall be approved by the municipal officers.

203.3 POWERS AND DUTIES

(a) The Fire Chief shall have the powers and duties established by 30-A M.R.S.A. 3153 as amended. The Chief shall formulate a set of bylaws as rules and regulations to govern the Department, consistent with applicable State Statutes and Municipal Ordinances. A majority of the members in attendance at a meeting for that purpose, the Chief, and the Selectmen, must approve the bylaws. The Chief shall be responsible to the Selectmen for the personnel, morale, and general efficiency of the Department.

(b) The Fire Chief shall submit a written report on the activities of the department when requested by the Municipal Officers and shall discharge such other duties as may be required by the Selectmen.

203.4 POWERS AND DUTIES

Municipal firefighters shall have the powers and duties set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. 3151 et seq. and set forth in any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to SECTION 203.3(a) above.

203.5 PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES

Members of the Municipal Fire Department shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided by The Maine Tort Claims Act when acting in their capacity as firefighters.

ARTICLE III
SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 301. SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 302. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective on its adoption at Special Town Meeting.

Date ~~June~~ June 25, 1996

To: Lucy Deppa, Town Clerk

A certified copy of an ordinance entitled Town of Patten Fire Department Ordinance to be voted on at Special Town Meeting on June 25, 1996.

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