

TOWN OF HEBRON FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I TITLE, PURPOSE, AUTHORITY

SECTION 101. TITLE

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

SECTION 102. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish in the manner provided by law, a Municipal Fire Department, to define the powers and duties of the members, to provide for their compensation and to provide the maximum legal protection available to the Chief Officers and Municipal Firefighters.

The Hebron Fire Department shall recognize and accept support from the Hebron Fire Relief Association and the Hebron Fire Department Auxiliary as their benevolent organizations.

SECTION 103. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3001 and 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3151 - 3157

SECTION 104. DEFINITIONS

SECTION 104.1 MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

SECTION 104.2 MUNICIPAL FIREFIGHTER

A Municipal Firefighter shall mean an active member of the Hebron Fire Department whether full time, part time, on call, or volunteer and at least 18 years of age who aids in the extinguishment of fires, participates as necessary in suitable drills and instruction, as well as operates equipment and assists Emergency Medical Services as needed.

A Municipal Firefighter shall also be empowered to assist with salvage, fire prevention, building studies, and all other matters generally considered essential to good fire protection and the safety of life and property.

SECTION 104.3 JUNIOR MEMBERS

Junior Members shall mean an individual who is an active member of the Hebron Fire Department between 15 and 18 years of age, Who may assist adult members of the department in the performance of certain duties as directed by the chief officers.

ARTICLE II MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 201. ESTABLISHMENT

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

SECTION 202. DUTIES

The Municipal Fire Department shall provide Fire services within the Town of Hebron and elsewhere as provided by mutual aid or other contractual agreements approved by the municipal officers.

SECTION 203. FIRE CHIEF

203.1 APPOINTMENT

The head of the Municipal Fire Department shall be the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the municipal officers. Municipal officers shall consider the recommendation of the Hebron Fire Department and the qualifications and experience of the candidate when appointing the fire chief. The Fire Chief shall be subject to the supervision and administrative control of the Municipal Officers.

203.2 TERM

The Fire Chief shall be appointed for the term of one year.

203.3 POWERS AND DUTIES

The Fire Chief shall have the powers and the duties established by 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3153 as amended, excepting that the municipal officers shall approve the administrative rules and regulations promulgated by the Fire Chief.

SECTION 204. OTHER OFFICERS

204.1 APPOINTMENT

Any other officers deemed necessary by the Fire Chief shall be recommended by the members of the Hebron Fire Department and appointed by the municipal officers. These officers shall be subject to the supervision and administrative control of the Fire Chief.

204.2 TERM

The term of such other officers shall be established by the Fire Chief, with a one-year minimum.

SECTION 205. FIRE PERSONNEL

205.1 APPOINTMENT

Municipal Fire Fighters on approval of their application shall have the duties established by this ordinance and otherwise be controlled by the provisions of 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3154. Personnel shall not continue to serve in the municipal fire department if not capable of performing the duties required of them, according to the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards and other adopted applicable standards of the fire service.

205.2 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Members of the Municipal Fire Department shall enjoy the privileges and the immunities provided by 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3150 et seq. and 14 M.R.S.A. §§ 8101 - 8118, and all other privileges and immunities.

SECTION 206. COMPENSATION

The compensation of the fire chief, appointed officers and other members of the fire department shall be established by the municipal officers.

ARTICLE III SEVERABILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENTS

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 in effect on the first Fire Department Meeting Night after its adoption at Town Meeting, 2005

SECTION 303. AMENDMENTS

The ordinance may be amended by vote of the Legislative body for the Town of
HEBRON.

Adopted by the Inhabitants of the Town of Hebron by a majority of the townspeople present
and voting at a regular town meeting held in Hebron on the 21st day of July 2005.

Clerk, Town of Hebron