

**BINGEN MUNICIPAL CODE**

**Section 2.24**

**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT\***

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\*Prior history: Ords. 98, 269, 271.

**2.24.010 Department created.**

There is created a volunteer fire department for the city to consist of not more than twenty-five members but not less than fifteen members per thousand population of the city. (Ord. 276 (part), 1979).

**2.24.0 Membership.**

Members of the volunteer fire department shall consist of any fireman who is a member of any fire department of any municipality. (Ord. 276 (part), 1979).

**2.24.030 State statutes adopted.**

RCW 41.24.010 et seq., as amended in its entirety, is adopted by reference and shall have full force and effect upon its passage and publication five days the date of publication of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. 276 (part.), 1979).

**2.24.040 Fire chief selection.**

Membership in the volunteer fire department shall be determined by application and vote of the members, and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the organization from time to time deems necessary and advisable, and shall be by volunteer enlistment only. The organization shall elect from the membership a fire chief, who shall have full police powers in all matters pertaining to fires within the city. (Ord. 69 §2, 1953).

**2.24.050 Police power during fires.**

All members of the volunteer fire department while attending a fire shall have all the powers of a police officer and are declared to be public officers of the city while proceeding to fires, in attendance at, and returning from fires. (Ord. 69 §3, 1953).

**2.24.060 Department organization.**

The volunteer fire department may from time to time adopt rules and regulations as it deems desirable and proper as to the operation and control of equipment and apparatus, and may elect other officers as are necessary for the proper operation of the department; and may adopt rules as to the succession of the office of fire chief. (Ord. 69 §4, 1953).

**2.24.070 Compensation.**

The mayor and city council shall by resolution determine the compensation the members of the department shall receive for their services at fires within the corporate limits of the city, and may determine in the same manner the compensation any other person or person may receive for services rendered in assisting in the transportation of apparatus to or from fires. (Ord. 69 §5, 1953).

**2.24.080 Driving over hose prohibited – Penalty.**

It is unlawful for any person to drive a vehicle over, into, or against a fire hose or any other firefighting apparatus of the city, or to obstruct, delay or hinder any work of the fire department or to refuse to comply with the orders of the fire chief. A violation of this chapter shall be punishable as set forth in Chapter 1.16 of this code. (Ord. 69 §6, 1953).

**2.24.090 Pension plan.**

The city permits and authorizes the members of the volunteer fire department to enroll in the pension plan provided for under RCW Chapter 41.24 et seq., and further, the participating firemen are authorized to participate in the pension plan the city is authorized to expend ten dollars per year for each fireman participating in the plan or such further amount as may be provided by law, and that the city clerk is authorized to make such expenditure in order to comply with the pension plan requirements set forth in this section. (Ord. 197, 1971).