

Chapter 54

FIRE DEPARTMENT

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Hixton 10-6-1987 (Secs. 3-1-1 and 3-1-3 of the 1987 Code of Ordinances). Amendments noted where applicable.]

§ 54-1. Fire Department constitution and bylaws.

- A. Recognition. The Hixton Fire Department is hereby officially recognized and the duty of conducting the Fire Department is hereby delegated to such organization, and its organization and internal regulations shall be governed by the constitution and bylaws of that organization insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of this chapter.
- B. Budget. Not later than October 1 of each year, the Fire Chief shall file with the Village Clerk-Treasurer a detailed estimate of the appropriations needed for the conduct of the Department during the ensuing fiscal year.

§ 54-2. Police power of Department; investigation of fires. [Amended 2-18-2013 by Ord. No. A3-1-3]

- A. Police authority at fires.
 - (1) The Chief and assistants or officers in command at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete police authority at fires. Any officer of the Department may cause the arrest of any person failing to give the right-of-way to the Fire Department in responding to a fire.
 - (2) The Fire Chief may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons, excepting firefighters and police officers and those admitted by order of any officer of the Department, shall be permitted to come.
 - (3) The Chief shall have the power to cause the removal of any property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire or to prevent the spreading of fire or to protect the adjoining property, and during the progress of any fire he shall have the power to cause the removal of all wires or other facilities and the turning off of all electricity or other services where the same impedes the work of the Department during the progress of a fire.
- B. Fire inspection duties.
 - (1) The Fire Chief shall be the Fire Inspector of the Village of Hixton and shall have the power to appoint one or more deputy Fire Inspectors and shall perform all duties required of the Fire Inspectors by the laws of the state and rules of the Department of Safety and Professional Services, particularly § 101.14, Wis. Stats.
 - (2) While acting as Fire Inspector pursuant to § 101.14(2), Wis. Stats., the Fire Chief, or any officer of the Fire Department designated by the Fire Chief, shall have the right

and authority to enter any building or upon any premises in the Village of Hixton at all reasonable hours for the purpose of making inspections or investigations which, under the provisions of Code of the Village of Hixton, he may deem necessary. Should the Fire Inspector find that any provisions of this Code relating to fire hazards and prevention of fires are being violated, or that a fire hazard exists which should be eliminated, it shall be his duty to give such directions for the abatement of such conditions as he shall deem necessary and, if such directions be not complied with, to report such noncompliance to the Village Board for further action.

- (3) The Chief of the Fire Department is required, by himself/herself or by officers or members of members of the Fire Department designated by him/her as fire inspectors, to inspect all buildings and places of employment within the territory of the fire department for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of any law or ordinance relating to the prevention of fires. The Village hereby adopts the provisions found in WI Administrative Code Chapter SPS 314.01(13)(b) regarding fire prevention inspections. Furthermore, pursuant to WI Administrative Code Chapter SPS 14.01 (14)(b)(7) the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to reduce the inspections required under DPD 314-.01(13)(b)(3) to at least once per calendar year provided the interval between those inspections does not exceed 15 months. The Chief of the Fire Department may require or conduct more frequent inspections than required under this subsection.
- (4) Written reports of inspections shall be made and kept on file in the office of the Chief of the Fire Department in the manner and form required by the Department of Safety and Professional Services. A copy of such reports shall be filed with the Village Clerk-Treasurer.