

## Chapter 8

### FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

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#### ARTICLE I.

#### IN GENERAL

##### Sec. 8-1. Mobile homes; smoke detector.

A minimum of at least one smoke detector shall be in place and operating in all mobile homes in the city, erected or set up in the city after the nineteenth (19th) day of November, 1979.  
(Res. of 11-19-79)

##### Sec. 8-2. Fireworks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, expose for sale, use, ignite or explode any fireworks, as defined by the laws of Georgia, except that supervised public displays shall be permitted pursuant to OCGA {{25-10-4. (Ord Of 12-11-72)

##### Sec. 8-3. False alarm.

No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm of fire.  
(Ord. of 6-25-57)

##### Secs. 8-4 - 8-20. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE II.

## **FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

### **Sec. 8-21. Adopted**

The Fire Prevention Code, 1976, recommended by the American Insurance Association, is hereby adopted for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations governing fire prevention within the city, a copy of which code is now on file in the office of the fire chief, and such code is incorporated in this section as fully as if set out at length herein; and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city.

### **Sec. 8-22. Definition.**

Wherever the word “municipality” is used in the fire prevention code adopted in this article, it shall be held to mean the City of East Dublin, Georgia.

### **Sec. 8-23 - 8-35. Reserved.**

## **ARTICLE III.**

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **DIVISION I. GENERALLY**

#### **Sec. 8-36. Created.**

A department to be hereinafter known as the East Dublin Fire Department, the object of which shall be the prevention and extinguishment of fire and the protection of life and property within the limits of the city, is hereby created as provided in this article. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-37. Officers generally.**

The fire department shall consist of a chief and other officers as the chief and the mayor and council may deem necessary for the effective operation of the department. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-38. Membership generally.**

The membership of the fire department shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the chief and shall be able-bodied citizens residing within the city, preferably property owners whose business activities are normally within the confines of the city, and who have telephones in their homes. (Ord of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-39. Physical examination.**

A determination of whether candidates for appointment to the fire department are able-bodied shall be made by the fire chief after a medical and physical examination has been made in a manner prescribed by the chief, and approved by the mayor and council. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-40. Badges.**

Each member of the fire department shall be issued a badge designating his rank. (Ord of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-41. Vehicle insignia.**

Each member of the fire department driving a car shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the car. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-42. Right-of-way.**

All motor equipment and all personal cars of fire department members shall have right-of-way over all other traffic when responding to an alarm. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

#### **Sec. 8-43. Approaching fire.**

No person shall approach to within one thousand (1,000) yards of any fire without authority from the fire chief or other city officer in charge of extinguishing said fire.

**Sec. 8-44. Enforcement.**

All regularly appointed members of the fire department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-45. Suspension or discharge.**

Any member of the fire department may be suspended or discharged from the department by the chief at any time that he may deem such action to be necessary for the good of the department. On written request of such member to the mayor and council, he shall be given a public hearing on the charges brought by the chief. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-46. Duty of police at fires.**

It is hereby made the special duty of the chief of police and/or other peace officers who may be on duty and available for fire duty, to respond to all fire alarms and assist the fire department in the protection of life and property, in regulating traffic, in maintaining order and in enforcing observance of all sections of this article. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Secs. 8-47 - 8-54. Reserved.**

**DIVISION 2. FIRE CHIEF**

**Sec. 8-55. Qualifications.**

The fire chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-56. Appointment; term.**

The fire chief shall be appointed by the mayor and council for an indefinite period of time, and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-57. Responsibility.**

The fire chief shall be held accountable to the mayor and council only, and shall make written and verbal reports thereto as the mayor and council may require. All other fire department and fire company officers shall be accountable to the chief only. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-58. Appointment and responsibility of officers.**

All fire department and fire company officers shall be appointed by the fire chief. Such officers

shall be accountable only to the chief, and subject to removal by him. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-59. General duties.**

The fire chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the department, and shall be responsible to the mayor and council for the personnel, morale and general efficiency of the department. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-60. Fire companies.**

The fire chief shall determine the number and kind of companies of which the department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such companies to alarms. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-61. Drills, instruction.**

The fire chief shall at least once a month conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the city, fire prevention, water supplies and all other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety of life and property from fire. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-62. Investigation of fires.**

The fire chief is hereby required to assist the proper authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigating or causing to be investigated the cause, origin and circumstances of all fires. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-63. Right of entry.**

The fire chief is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-64. Abatement of hazards.**

Any person served by the fire chief with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards shall comply therewith and promptly notify the chief. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-65. Records.**

The fire chief shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the fire department. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-66. Reports - monthly.**

The fire chief shall report monthly to the mayor and council the conditions of the apparatus and equipment; the number of fires during the month, their location and cause, and date of same and loss occasioned thereby; the number and purpose of all other runs made; and the number of members responding to each fire or other run; and any changes in membership. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-67. Same - Annually.**

The fire chief shall make a complete annual report to the mayor and council within one month after the close of the fiscal year, such report to include the information specified in section 8-65, together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the department. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-68. Removal.**

The fire chief shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing, before the mayor and council. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec, 8-69 - 8-75. Reserved**

**DIVISION 3. EQUIPMENT**

**Sec. 8-76. Generally.**

The fire department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-77. Recommendations; purchase.**

Recommendations of apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the chief, and after approval by the mayor and council, shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the mayor and council. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-78. Storage.**

All equipment of the fire department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the mayor and council. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-79. Alarms.**

Suitable arrangement or equipment shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm, and for notifying all members of the department so that they may promptly respond. (Ord. of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-80. Use for private purpose.**

No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the fire department. (Ord of 6-25-57)

**Sec. 8-81. Unauthorized entry; tampering.**

No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the fire department unless accompanied by, or having the special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the department. (Ord of 6-25-57)