

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF LONDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF LONDON FIRE CHIEF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LONDON AS FOLLOWS:

The City of London Fire Department has both paid and volunteer members providing protection of life and property to the City of London.

Due to the changing nature of duties and responsibilities of the London Fire Department and the increase in the size of the City of London, increase in the number of household and business structures within the City of London. The fire station and fire trucks and other assets of the London Fire Department, it is necessary that the position of Fire Chief of the City of London description and appointment be modified; it is a supervisory salaried position of employment, rather than volunteer position. This Ordinance is not intended to effect, in any manner, The London Fire Club.

Pursuant to KRS 83A.080 the Mayor shall appoint a person to the position of Fire Chief of the City of London with the approval of the City Council. The Fire Chief is subject to the requirements of KRS 83A.080.

1. The qualifications and responsibilities of the Fire Chief are as follows:

- Fire Chief shall manage the Operation of the London Fire Department, its various equipment, and stations and shall be responsible for the safekeeping and efficient operation of the Fire Department. The Fire Chief shall designate the storage location of all equipment and shall assist the Mayor and City Council in determining the location of fire houses.
 - Fire Chief shall be responsible for the appointment and discharge any and all volunteer members of the London Fire Department.
 - Fire Chief or his designee will drill and train the members of the London Fire Department and will be present at fires and direct the operations of the department.
 - Fire Chief or his designee shall drill the members on a regular basis in the method of modern fire practice and procedure.
 - Fire Chief shall maintain good efficiency of the Fire Department.
 - Fire Chief shall recommend to the City Council insurance for members of the department against acts, failure to act, or such other claims regarding the performance of their duties of the London Fire Department.
 - Fire Chief or his designee shall keep and maintain records at the London Fire Department headquarters and inventory list of all property belonging to the City of London and Fire Department.
 - Fire Chief or his designee shall keep and maintain a daily record, in which shall be entered all fire department matters in the order which they occur, including the names of members reporting to fires, the names of members reporting to drills, relevant data concerning fires, supplies purchased, and other relevant facts relating to the operations of the Fire Department.
 - Fire Chief or his designee shall be present at meetings of the City Council when requested by the Mayor or Council.
2. The Fire Chief or his designee shall be duly authorized to make applications for any and all available grants, incentive programs or any financial aid of any nature whatsoever that may be available through any and all governmental agencies.
3. The Fire Chief shall have the legal authority of a London City Policeman at fire scenes or other emergency locations.
4. The Fire Chief shall answer fire alarms in other cities and counties as needed. This practice, known as mutual aid, shall be his sole discretion as

to what emergency calls will be answered with due consideration given to the distance from the city limits to which out-of-town emergency calls may be answered, consistent with the safety and fire protection of property located within the city limits of the City of London, Kentucky. Such calls may be answered in the Southeastern Kentucky Fireman's Association, as set out in the running card adopted at the meeting of December 15, 1931 or other agreements made by and between cities and counties.

5. The Fire Chief shall not leave the area of the City of London without a competent officer of the London Fire Department being notified of his leaving and the chain of command shall be in effect at the chief's absence.
6. The Fire Chief shall prepare and submit financial budgets, project budgets and similar financial documentation to the Mayor and City Council when requested and shall assist in the determination of fire origin and cause.
7. The Fire Chief shall:
 - Be a graduate of an accredited high school
 - Possess a valid driver's license as issued by the Commonwealth of Kentucky
 - Possess a valid certificate of firefighter issued by the Commission of Fire Protection Standards and Education Board of Kentucky with levels I, II, and III certification. The level of entry shall be a minimum of 500 hours.
 - Have at least ten (10) years of fire fighting experience.
 - Have at least five (5) years officer's tenure.
8. The Fire Chief shall maintain special knowledge and skills, including, but not limited to knowledge of the street systems and physical layout of the City, ability to learn a variety of firefighting duties and methods, the ability to perform arduous tasks under adverse conditions, some ability to perform mechanical work involved in operating and maintaining firefighting apparatus, equipment and tools and the ability to supervise volunteers and full time or part time firefighters.
9. The position of Fire Chief of the City of London is a supervisory, salaried position of employment. The position of Fire Chief of the City of London is a hazardous duty position, pursuant to KRS 78.545. et seq, and London Ordinance 818.
10. The Fire Chief shall be appointed under the terms and conditions of KRS 83A.080.
11. If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of the Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof, other than the section so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.
12. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the applicable provisions of Kentucky law. Any Ordinances or part of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Attested:


Marcy Berry, City Clerk


Troy Rudder, Mayor

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