

Chapter 202

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

ARTICLE I

Fire Department

Section 202.010. Fire Department Established — Composition. [R.O. 2011 §202.010; CC 1979 §70.010; Ord. No. 202.010, 202.140, 12-15-2005; Ord. No. 13-01, 2-25-2013]

There is hereby established a Fire Department for the City of Puxico and the Puxico rural community, which shall consist of a Chief, two (2) Assistant Chiefs and such organized volunteer firefighters as may be enrolled by the Chief with the consent of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen.

Section 202.020. Fire Department — Duties. [R.O. 2011 §202.020; CC 1979 §70.020]

The Fire Department shall have charge of the fire apparatus and shall keep the same in good order for immediate use, and for more effectual protection the firefighters shall as often as practical thoroughly test the condition of the fire-fighting apparatus. Upon arrival at any fire, the members present shall take all necessary and proper action to extinguish such fire as quickly as possible and with the least damage possible. The Department shall take all reasonable steps necessary under the circumstances to prevent the spread of the fire and damage to adjoining property.

Section 202.030. Rural Fire Association. [R.O. 2011 §202.030; CC 1979 §70.025]

There is hereby established a Puxico Rural Fire Association, membership in which is available to all rural residents living in the Puxico area, at the following subscription rates:

Homeowners and landowners and churches	First and adjoining property	\$35.00
	Second property	\$30.00
	Every other property	\$20.00
Commercial and rental property	First property	\$40.00
	Each additional commercial property	\$30.00

These fees are for one (1) year, due the first (1st) day of March every year. Money so obtained shall be used to support the Fire Department.

Section 202.040. Rural Fire Association — Fire Outside City Limits. [R.O. 2011 §202.040; CC 1979 §70.030; Ord. No. 04-001, 1-15-2004; Ord. No. 202.040, 8-17-2006]

The Fire Department shall answer all calls from outside the City limits. In so doing, the Fire Chief shall leave one (1) pumper truck in the City and shall be in constant radio communication with the City Marshal or Deputy concerning the welfare of the City and have a sufficient number of men available for answering a fire call within the City. There shall be no charge for answering a rural fire call at property covered by a membership in the Puxico Rural Fire Association. At all other fires, the charge shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for responding to the call plus five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each hour or a proportional sum for each quarter hour spent in providing emergency services.

Section 202.050. Fire Chief and Assistant Chief — Appointment and Term. [R.O. 2011 §202.050; CC 1979 §70.040]

The Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Board of Aldermen at the first (1st) regular meeting of the Board after the City election. The Chief shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and/or until his/her successor is appointed and qualified. The Assistant Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Section 202.060. Fire Chief — Duties. [R.O. 2011 §202.060; CC 1979 §70.050]

It shall be the duty of the Chief to examine and report monthly to the Mayor the condition of the Department and its equipment and to recommend such alterations and additions and changes as the Department may in his/her judgment require and to make all reports such as are required by the State, City of Puxico and/or other governmental agencies. It shall also be his/her duty to ascertain and report to the Mayor the condition and efficiency of the Fire Department and make such recommendations to insure efficient operation of the Department.

Section 202.070. Assistant Chief — Duties of. [R.O. 2011 §202.070; CC 1979 §70.060]

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Chief to obey all orders of the Chief and in his/her absence to take command and to perform all such duties and exercise all such authority that may be vested in such Chief.

Section 202.080. Rules and Regulations — by Whom Adopted. [R.O. 2011 §202.090; CC 1979 §70.080]

The Department may adopt bylaws and regulations for its government, subject to the ordinances of said City, as they may deem best calculated to accomplish the object herein contemplated and to adopt, fix and impose reasonable dues and penalties for non-attendance at meetings or for disobedience or offenses against any bylaw, rule or regulation of said Department, and they may elect such other and subordinate officers as they deem proper.

Section 202.090. Persons at Fire — Subject to Orders. [R.O. 2011 §205.110; CC 1979 §70.110]

Every person who shall be present at any fire shall be subject to and obedient to the orders of the Chief and his/her assistants in extinguishing such fire, and the removal and protection of

property, and in such case a person who shall refuse to obey such orders, shall be deemed guilty of an ordinance violation and upon conviction shall be punished as set forth in Section 100.220 of this Code.

Section 202.100. Chief and Assistants to Wear Insignia of Office. [R.O. 2011 §202.120; CC 1979 §70.120]

The Chief and each of his/her assistants while on duty shall wear some sufficient sign or helmet of rank to be known and recognized thereby.

Section 202.110. Fire Apparatus — Not Subject to Private Use. [R.O. 2011 §202.130; CC 1979 §70.130]

If any person having charge of any fire apparatus shall suffer or permit the same to be applied to private uses, he/she shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined a sum not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), unless, however, the same shall be used under order of the Chief in his/her absence.

Section 202.120. Remuneration. [R.O. 2011 §202.140; CC 1979 §70.220; Ord. No. 202.010, 202.140, 12-15-2005]

While the Fire Department is a volunteer type, the Board of Aldermen are hereby authorized to pay out of the general revenues of the City the reasonable value of services rendered by any authorized person for washing, cleaning, and greasing the fire truck(s) and all necessary labor on the fire apparatus so that the efficiency of the Department may be maintained. The Board of Aldermen are also hereby authorized to pay annually out of the Fire Fund ten dollars (\$10.00) per fire worked by the volunteer firefighters to each volunteer as ordered by the Fire Chief.

Section 202.130. Personal Safety Equipment. [R.O. 2011 §202.150; CC 1979 §70.230]

It shall be the Fire Chief's, the Mayor's, and the Board of Aldermen's duty to provide for the volunteer firefighters the proper safety equipment as may be required by the State of Missouri for the operation of said Fire Department.

Section 202.140. Reciprocal Agreement. [R.O. 2011 §202.160; CC 1979 §70.240]

The PVFD shall arrange with neighboring Fire Departments a reciprocal agreement for assistance and to assist at fires when called upon to do the same. When the PVFD is called upon by a neighboring Fire Department, they shall respond with minimum amount of equipment and volunteers.