

TITLE 7

FIRE PROTECTION, FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

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7-101. Fire limits described. The corporate fire limits shall be the same as the corporate city limits and shall automatically be extended any time the corporate city limits are expanded by annexation. The Board of Commissioners, by resolution, may expand the corporate fire limits to include area outside the corporate city limits at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners and for good cause shown. (Ord. #1006, 01/02/03).

7-102. Rural Fire Code Program. The City of Paris shall provide fire protection service outside the city limits of the City of Paris to the area designated by the E-911 Board as Emergency Service Number area 122 “ESN 122” under the following terms and conditions:

A. Service provided: Exceptions.

The fire department will furnish fire protection service to property in ESN122 as it now furnishes fire protection service to any property within the corporate limits of the City of Paris.

B. Limitation of Liability.

The City of Paris shall not be responsible for any loss which may result from failure to respond or failure to respond promptly to any call for fire protection service in ESN 122. The city shall not be responsible for any claims because of injuries to the public or damage to property which may occur while the fire department is engaged in answering a fire call or working at or returning from a fire in response to any call from property in ESN 122.

C. Fire Protection Subscription Fees.

The annual charge for fire protection for ESN 122 shall be calculated upon the assessed value of property in ESN 122 based on the records of the County Tax Assessor as of January 1st of the year preceding the year in which service is provided. The fee structure is calculated as follows:

Appraised Property Value:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Annual Subscription Fee</u>
\$ 200	\$ 50,000	\$ 30.00
\$ 50,001	\$ 75,000	\$ 40.00
\$ 75,001	\$125,000	\$ 50.00
\$125,001	\$200,000	\$ 75.00
\$200,001	\$250,000	\$100.00
\$250,001	\$300,000	\$150.00
\$300,001	\$600,000	\$200.00
\$600,001	unlimited	\$250.00

For property that has no improvements located on the premises and consist only of unimproved land the annual fee will be \$20.00.

D. Collection of Subscription Fees.

All fire protection subscription fees shall be paid on or before September 30th each calendar year. All charges shall be paid prior to the beginning of fire protection service. The fee for fire protection service for any new subscriber paid during the calendar year shall be prorated on a monthly basis. (Ord. # 1099, 08/13/2009, Ord. #1195, 9/1/2016)

E. Non-Subscriber Fees.

In the event the fire department responds to a fire call for property in ESN122 for which a subscriber fee has not been paid, the fee for such fire protection service call shall be \$3,000.00. In the event this fee is not paid the City of Paris shall take all necessary legal steps to collect the fee and may place a lien on the property for which the fire protection service call was made. (Ord. # 1099, 08/13/2009)

F. Transfer of Subscription Fee.

The subscription fee paid shall be limited to coverage of the property location as assessed by the county tax assessor and shall not be valid if the subscriber moves from the location for which the fire subscription fee has been paid to another location. No refund of fire subscription service fee shall be made. (Ord. # 1091, 06/26/08)

7-103. Fire Department Service Charges. If the Fire Department responds to a real or personal property fire loss and the owner of said property has insurance coverage that provides for payment of a Fire Department Service Charge, the Fire Department shall file a claim for such payment with the affected party's insurance company. The claim filed shall be for an amount, as determined by the Fire Chief that represents the actual costs of the fire call response, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Provided, however, if the allowable service charge amount through said insurance coverage is less than the cost of the fire call, the City may accept said maximum allowable amount. Provided, further, that if the owner of said property does not have Fire Department Service Charge Coverage available through their insurance policy, the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, may waive/forgive said claim for payment.

The provisions of this Chapter shall in no way affect or restrict the application of the provisions of 7-102 of the Paris Municipal Code enacting and implementing the Rural Fire Code Program. Having Fire Department Service Charge coverage shall not excuse payment of the Fire Department Subscription Fee required by 7-102 C. of the Paris Municipal Code or prevent the imposition of the fee for non-compliance provided in 7-102 E. of the Paris Municipal Code. (Ord# 1215, 8/3/2017)

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