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**PAHRUMP TOWN ORDINANCE - PAHRUMP VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE**

**PAHRUMP TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 25**

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**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING PAHRUMP TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 5,  
PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT OFFICERS; PAID PERSONNEL; SETTING POLICY,  
RESPONSIBILITY LIES  
WITH THE PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD; SETTING TRAINING STANDARDS,  
AND OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.**

The Pahrump Town Board, of the unincorporated Town of Pahrump, County of Nye  
State of Nevada, does hereby ordain:

**25.000 TITLE.** That there is hereby created a department to be hereafter known as the  
Pahrump Volunteer Fire Department, the object of which shall be the prevention of fire  
and protection of life and property within the limits of the unincorporated Town of

Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada.

25.010 **SHORT TITLE.** The title by which this ordinance shall be known is the “PAHRUMP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE”.

25.100 **DEFINITIONS.** That for the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

25.102 **COMMANDER.** The word “Commander” shall mean the Commander of the Pahrump Volunteer Fire Department.

25.104 **ASSISTANT COMMANDER.** The words “Assistant Commander” shall mean the Assistant Commander of the Pahrump Volunteer Fire Department.

25.106 **DEPARTMENT.** The word “Department” shall mean the Pahrump Volunteer Fire Department.

25.108 **BOARD.** The word “Board” shall mean the Pahrump Town Board of the unincorporated Town of Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada.

25.110 **PERSONNEL.** The word “Personnel” shall mean the paid personnel assigned to the Pahrump Volunteer Fire Department by the Town Board.

#### 25.200 **OFFICERS**

25.210 **DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.** The Department shall consist of a Commander, two Assistant Commanders and other officers as the Commander may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department.

25.220 **COMMANDER APPOINTED BY THE BOARD.** The Commander shall be appointed by the Board for an indefinite period of time, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and his tenure shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. The Commander shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence.

25.220 **COMMANDER HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BOARD.** The Commander shall be held accountable to the Board only, and shall make written reports thereto as the Board may require. All other Department officers shall be accountable to the Commander only.

25.230 **APPOINTMENTS BY THE COMMANDER.** The Assistant Commanders and all other Department officers shall be appointed by the Commander. Such officers shall be accountable only to the Commander, and subject to removal by him.

25.240 **NOMINATIONS FOR COMMANDER.** Prior to December 31, of each year, the Department shall nominate, by secret ballot, three (3) members of the Department for appointment by the Board as Commander and shall forward the names and nominee to the Board who shall at their first meeting in January select one of the three nominee to be

Commander until the first Monday of January, of the following year.

### **25.300 DUTIES OF THE COMMANDER**

**25.310 FORMULATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Commander and the Board shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department and shall be responsible for the personnel, morale and general efficiency of the Department.

**25.320 DRILLS AND INSTRUCTION - REQUIRED.** The Commander or his designated appointee shall at least once a month conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, a study of buildings in the Town of Pahrump, fire prevention, water supply, and all other matters generally considered essential to good fire fighting and safety of life and property from fire.

**25.330 ASSISTANCE TO AUTHORITIES IN ARSON.** The Department Members are hereby required and empowered 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. Fire fighters will contact the Nye County Sheriff's Department and notify them of the suspected arson. The Nye County Sheriff's Office will then notify the Nevada State Fire Marshall of the suspected arson.

**25.340 REPORTS REQUIRED.** The Commander shall see the complete records are kept up to date of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the Department.

**25.350 MONTHLY REPORTS REQUIRED.** The Commander shall report monthly to the Board the number of fires during the previous month, their location and cause, and the number and purpose of all other runs made, the number of drills conducted, and the number of members responding to each fire and other runs, and any changes in membership.

**25.360 ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED.** The Commander shall make a complete annual report to the Board before January 1st of each year; to include the information specified in 25.350 of this section, together with the comparative data for previous years, with the special emphasis on recommendations for improving the effectiveness of the Department. All reports shall be channeled through the Commander to the Board.

### **25.400 MEMBERSHIP**

**25.410 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.** The membership of the Department shall consist of such persons as may be recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the majority of the department members at a regular monthly meeting. Members shall be able-bodied citizens, residing within the Town of Pahrump, in such number as may be fixed by resolution of the Board.

**25.420 SUSPENSION OF MEMBER.** Any member of the Department may be suspended from the Department by the Commander at any time he may deem such action

necessary for the good of the Department. Discharge will be held pending until a hearing by the Executive Board whose findings must be approved by the majority of the department members at a regular monthly meeting of the Board.

**25.430 PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST BY SUSPENDED OR DISCHARGED MEMBERS.** Suspended or discharged members may request a public hearing with the Board, provided such request is in writing and received by the Board within 10 days of suspension or discharge by the Department members.

a. The Board must place the matter for a public hearing on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

## **25.500 EQUIPMENT**

**25.510 EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS.** The 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.

**25.520 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LARGE APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT.** Recommendations on large apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the Commander, or his designated representative, and, after approval by the Board, shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the Board and as budget funds allow.

**25.530 HOUSING OF EQUIPMENT.** All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the Board.

**25.540 USE OF EQUIPMENT.** No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person wilfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.

**25.550 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EQUIPMENT.** No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed, or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the Department unless accompanied by or having the special permission of an officer or authorized member of the Department, or employee assigned to the Department by the Board.

## **25.600 TRAINING**

**25.610 CERTIFICATION.** Each volunteer will be required to participate in training exercises and classes; and shall be certified as a Class 1 Fire Fighter or better, as recommended by the Nevada State Fire Marshall, within one and one-half (1 ½) years of the adoption and amendment of this ordinance.

**25.620 PROBATIONARY MEMBERS - CERTIFICATION.** Probationary members shall be certified with in one (1) year after they have served their probationary period.

25.630 **ADVANCEMENT OF CERTIFICATION.** Those wishing to advance to Engineer or Captain will have a written and manipulative examination.

#### 25.700 **GENERAL**

25.710 **ISSUANCE OF BADGE AND PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.** Each member of the Department may be issued a badge and I.D. with photo, designating his rank upon approval of the Executive Board of the Department.

25.720 **AUTOMOBILE INSIGNIA.** Each member of the Department driving a car may be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the car.

25.730 **DRIVING OVER FIRE HOSE.** No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hose except upon specific orders from the Commander or other Officer in charge where the hose is used.

25.740 **PARKING DISTANCE FROM FIRE APPARATUS OR WHERE IT IS STORED.** No person shall park any vehicle or otherwise cause any obstruction to be placed within a designated fire lane of the entrance to the fire station or other place where fire apparatus is stored, or within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant.

25.750 **ALLOWABLE DISTANCE FOR FOLLOWING FIRE EQUIPMENT.** No unauthorized person with any vehicle shall follow within five hundred (500) feet of any apparatus responding to an emergency nor park any vehicle within five hundred (500) feet of a fire.

25.760 **FALSE ALARMS.** No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.

#### 25.800 **PAY AUTHORIZATION**

25.810 **USE OF GENERAL FUNDS.** The Board may provide in the annual budget of the Pahrump Town General Fund for funds to be used for the purchase of apparatus and equipment for the pay of any officers or members of the department in such amounts as the Board may deem reasonable and proper. Further, the Board may make such \_\_\_\_\_ as are necessary to provide the members of the Department with coverage by the State Industrial Insurance Service and Liability Insurance if necessary.

#### 25.900 **ENFORCEMENT**

25.910 **PENALTIES.** Any person violating the provisions of 25.540 through 25.550; and 25.730 through 25.760, shall, upon conviction before the Justice of the Peace of Pahrump Township, pay a fine of not less than TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00), nor more than ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00), for each such offense, and, in addition, shall pay the cost of replacement of any equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of such offense.

**25.920 SPECIAL POLICE POWERS.** All regularly appointed members of the Department are hereby given the necessary special police powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.

**25.930 ON DUTY PEACE OFFICERS - REQUIREMENTS.** It is hereby made the special duty of any duly qualified law enforcement or peace officer who may be on duty and available for fire duty, to respond to all fire alarms and assist the Department in the protection of life and property, in regulating traffic, maintaining order, and in enforcing observance of all sections of this ordinance.

#### **25.1000 SPECIAL OFFICERS**

**25.1010 SOCIAL OFFICERS.** The Department may elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be known as social officers. Such officers may be elected in any manner and for any term the majority of the membership may decide upon and their duties shall be to arrange for and manage any or all social functions sponsored by the Department.

**25.1020 FUNCTIONS OF SOCIAL OFFICERS.** The functions and duties of said social officers shall in no wise interfere with those of the regular officers who are charged with responsibility for all fire service activities of the Department.

**25.1100 CONSTITUTIONALITY.** If any section, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

**25.1200 REPEAL.** Any and all ordinances or regulations or parts of ordinances and regulations regulating the Pahrump Volunteer Fire Department in the unincorporated Town of Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**25.1300 SEVERABILITY.** If any provision or part of this ordinance shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or unconstitutional, it shall in no way effect the remainder of this ordinance or any section it being intended that the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

**25.1400 EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1987.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BILL NO. 87-5 PAHRUMP TOWN ORDINANCE - PAHRUMP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE**

**PAHRUMP TOWN ORDINANCE NO. 25**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pahrump Town Board, at its regular meeting held on the 30th day of June, 1987, adopted Bill no. 87-5,

Typewritten copies of the ordinances are available for public inspection at:

The Office of the Nye County Clerk, Courthouse, Tonopah, Nevada, and The Office of

the Pahrump Town Board, at the Town Office, Community Center, Pahrump, Nevada.  
Board members voting in favor of the adoption:

\_\_Signatures on file\_\_

Board members voting against the ordinance:

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This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after the 31st day of July, 1987.  
After publication in full in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of  
Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada, at least once a week for a period of two weeks.

DATED this 30th day of June, 1987.

PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD

BY: \_\_Signatures on file\_\_

Chairman

Publish: PV Times

Date: 7/17 & 7/24/87

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL BILL NO. 87-5

PAHRUMP TOWN ORDINANCE - PAHRUMP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bill No. 87-5 \_\_\_\_\_ adoption of an  
ordinance adopting a Pahrump Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Department, repealing  
Pahrump Town Ordinance Number 5, \_\_\_\_\_ the appointment of  
Volunteer Fire Department Office \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel; setting Policy,  
responsibility lies with the \_\_\_\_\_ Board; setting training  
standards and other matters proper \_\_\_\_\_ thereto, and prescribing  
penalties for the violation \_\_\_\_\_ the unincorporated  
Town of Pahrump was proposed and read \_\_\_\_\_  
the Pahrump Town Board at their meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ of May,  
1987.

A copy of said bill has been filed with the Pahrump \_\_\_\_\_ Board and the  
Nye County Clerk and is available for public \_\_\_\_\_ at their offices.

A public hearing on the said Bill will \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, the 9th, day of  
June, 1987, at 8 o'clock p.m., at the Community Center \_\_\_\_\_ time  
further discussion regarding said ordinance, including \_\_\_\_\_ comments,  
will be held.

This notice shall be published once in a newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ general  
circulation in the Town at least 10 days before \_\_\_\_\_ for hearing.

DATED this 26th day of May, 1987.

PAHRUMP TOWN BOARD

BY: \_\_Signatures on file\_\_

Town Clerk

Publish: PV Times

Date: 5/29/87