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17.01 FIRE DEPARTMENT

- (1) The Blair-Preston Fire Department, a volunteer fire department, shall be the official fire department of the City of Blair.
- (2) The Department is made up of volunteer residents of the City of Blair and the Town of Preston.

17.02 BY-LAWS

The Department shall be governed by its By-Laws. The City and Town shall review any new By-Laws adopted by the Department.

17.03 FIRE CHIEF

- (1) A Chief shall be elected by the members of the Department pursuant to its by-laws.
- (2) The Chief shall be responsible for the general supervision of the Department. He shall be present at all fires and shall have command and responsibility of all fire fighting operations and equipment. He is empowered to enforce all Fire Prevention Ordinances of the City and in like manner, enforce State Law in the area of fire fighting and prevention.
- (3) Provisions of Ordinance Section 8.06 relating to residency requirements do not apply to the Fire Chief.

17.04 PERSONNEL

- (1) The members of the department being volunteer residents of the City of Blair and Town of Preston, shall be elected pursuant to the By-Laws.
- (2) The number of members, filling of vacancies and the like, shall be controlled by the By-Laws.

- (3) Should the number of members be insufficient to carry out the duties of the department, the Council shall meet with the representatives of the department in order to provide for adequate personnel.

17.05 EQUIPMENT

The City of Blair shall be responsible for providing its share of the equipment for the Fire Department. It is understood that the Town of Preston and the Department itself will assist in providing the necessary fire fighting equipment.

17.06 POLICE POWERS

- (1) The Fire Chief is hereby vested with full and complete police authority at the scene of a fire. The Chief may prescribe limits in the vicinity of any fire restricting the public from access or entry thereto. He shall have the power to authorize the removal or destruction of any property necessary to prevent the further spread of a fire.
- (2) It shall be lawful for any member of the Fire Department, while acting under the direction of the Chief, to enter any adjacent premises for the purpose of fighting and or containing a fire.

17.07 Fire Prevention Code

- (1) It shall be the policy of the City of Blair to ensure public safety by regular inspections of public buildings and to ensure compliance with state and local fire safety codes.
- (2) Sections 101.14(2)(b) WI. STAT. is incorporated by reference with respect to regular periodic inspections of public buildings.
- (3) Section 101.14(1)(bm) WI. STAT. is incorporated by reference with respect to inspections of private dwellings if requested by property owners.
- (4) Orders to rectify and repair
 - (a) The Chief or his Deputy, has the authority to issue orders to rectify and repair hazardous and unsafe conditions.
 - (b) The property owner has 15 days to comply with the Order.
 - (c) Failure to complete the Repair Order will be deemed a violation of this Fire Prevention Code. Any person violating this code shall forfeit not less than \$50.00 or more than \$250.00 for each violation.

17.08 Fire Prevention

The Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter SPS 314, entitled Fire Prevention, and any amendments thereto, is adopted by reference.

17.09 Fire Department Safety and Health Standards

The Wisconsin Administrative Code, Chapter SPS 330, entitled Fire Department Safety and Health Standards, and any amendments thereto, is adopted by reference.