

Chapter 7

FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE PROTECTION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of German as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I Recognition of Volunteer Fire Departments [Adopted 10-16-2003 by Ord. No. 1016003]

§ 7-1. Fire companies recognized.

The Adah, Edenborn, Footedale, McClellandtown and Ronco Fire Departments organized and existing in the Township of German are hereby designated as the officially recognized fire companies for the Township.

§ 7-2. Authorized activities of fire companies.

- A. The fire companies recognized by the Township are hereby authorized to provide such services to the Township as may be necessary for the protection of property and persons therein, which include by way of example and not limitation, the extinguishment of fires and prevention of loss of like and property from fire, participation in rescues, assistance and coordination of personnel at automobile accidents, assistance during medical emergencies, assistance and coordination of personnel during hazardous materials incidents and other dangerous and emergency situations (including, but not limited to, natural disasters, acts of God, accidents, man-made events), and assistance at, coordination of and participation in search and rescue operations.
- B. The fire companies recognized may provide non-emergency and public service functions; such as, by way of example and not limitation, removing water from property after storms, assisting in the removal, abatement and prevention of damage or injury to persons or property (whether as the result of natural causes or man-made situations).

- A. Engage in any type of drill, training, ceremony, practice, test or parade when duly called for or authorized by an officer or officers of the fire companies.
- B. Engage in fund-raising activities for the fire companies, when authorized by an officer or officers of the fire companies.
- C. Engage in the performance of any other duty or activity authorized by any officer of the fire companies.

§ 7-5. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to recognize Adah, Edenborn, Footedale, McClellandtown and Ranco Fire Departments as the official fire companies of the Township of German and to state additional authorized activities for fire fighters for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Act.

ARTICLE II

Recognition of Firemen's Relief Association

[Adopted at time of adoption of Code (see Ch. 28, General Provisions, Art. I)]

§ 7-6. Recognition of Firemen's Relief Association.

- A. The following associations are hereby recognized as actively engaged in providing fire protection and/or emergency services in the Township of German: Adah, Edenborn, Footedale, McClellandtown and Ranco Fire Departments.
- B. The above named associations have been formed for the benefit of their members and their families in case of death, sickness, temporary or permanent disability or accident suffered in the line of duty.
- C. The above-named associations of the Township are designated the proper associations to receive such funds as are due and payable to the Township Treasurer by the Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania from the tax on premiums from foreign fire insurance companies.

§ 7-7. Certification to Auditor General.

The Board of Supervisors shall annually certify to the Auditor General of the commonwealth the names of the active associations and the percentage of service they contribute to the protection of the Township. Such certification shall be on forms prescribed by the Auditor General.

§ 7-8. Annual appropriation.

There is annually appropriated from the Township Treasury all such sums of money that may hereafter be paid into the Township Treasury by the Treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania on account of taxes paid on premiums of foreign fire insurance companies pursuant to the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution Law, the Act of December 18, 1984, P.L. 1005, No.