

# **FIRE PROTECTION REGULATIONS**

## **PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

The following regulations have been made by the Town Council of Happy Valley-Goose Bay under the provisions of the Municipalities Act, Section 414 Chapter M-24 S.N. 1999 and were approved by me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of, A.D., February, 2001.

John Hickey, Mayor

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1. Interpretations: In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (a) “Town” means the Town of Happy Valley as defined by Order-in-Council dated the 15th day of March 1955 or any amendments thereto made or continued under the Municipalities Act.
  - (b) “Council” means the Town Council of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.
  - (c) “Department” shall mean the Happy Valley Fire Department constituted as such by the Council.
  - (d) “Chief shall mean the Fire Chief of the Happy Valley Fire Department.
2. The Council may establish a department to be hereafter known as the Happy-Valley Fire Department, the object of which shall be the prevention of fire and the protection of life and property within the limits of the Town.
3. The department shall consist of a Chief, two assistant Chiefs and such other officers as the Chief and the Council may deem necessary for the effective operation of the department.
4. The Chief shall be appointed by the Council for an indefinite period of time and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. The Chief shall be technically qualified by training and experience and shall have ability to command men and hold their respect and confidence. He shall be removed only for just cause and after a public hearing before the Council.
5. The Chief shall be held accountable for the operation of the department, and shall make written and verbal reports thereto as the Council may require.
6. The Chief shall appoint the assistant Chiefs and all other officers of the department and such officers shall be accountable to the Chief only and subject to removal by him.

7. The membership of the department shall consist of such persons as may be appointed by the Chief and shall be able-bodied persons residing within the Town, preferably property owners whose business activities are normally within the confines of the Town, and who have telephones. Determination of whether candidates for appointment are able-bodied shall be made by Chief after a medical and physical examination has been made in a manner prescribed by the Chief and approved by the Council.
8. Any member of the department may be suspended or discharged from the department by the Chief at any time he may deem such action necessary for the good of the department. On written request of such member to the Council, he shall be given a public hearing on the charges brought by the Chief.
9. The Chief shall be responsible to the Council for the personnel, moral and general efficiency of the Department.
10. The Chief shall determine the number and kind of companies of which the Department is to be composed and shall determine the response of such companies to alarms.
11. The Chief shall, at least once a month, conduct suitable drills or instruction in the operation and handling of equipment, first aid and rescue work, salvage, a study of buildings in the Town, fire prevention, water supplies and all other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety to life and property from fire.
12. The Chief is hereby required to assist the property authorities in suppressing the crime of arson by investigation, or causing to be investigated the cause, origin, and circumstances of all fires.
13. The Chief is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found.
14. Any person so served with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards, shall comply therewith and promptly notify the Chief.
15. The Chief shall see that complete records are kept of all fires, inspections, apparatus and minor equipment, personnel and other information about the work of the Department.
16. The Chief shall report monthly to the Council the condition of the apparatus and equipment, the number of fires during the month, their location and cause, and the date of same, and loss occasioned thereby, the number and purpose of all other runs made, and the number of members responding to each fire or other run, and any changes in

membership.

17. The Chief shall make a complete report to the Council within one month after the close of the fiscal year, such report to include the information specified in Regulation 16, together with comparative data for previous years and recommendations for the improving the effectiveness of the Department.
18. 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.
19. Recommendations of apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the Chief, and after approval by the Council shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the Council.
20. Suitable arrangement or equipment shall be provided for person to turn in an alarm, and for notifying all members of the Department so that they may promptly respond.
21. All equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the Council, such places shall be heated during the winter season.
22. No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department.
23. No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is used 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.
24. The Council may enter into agreements or contracts with nearby incorporated communities or governing bodies of other organizations to provide the members of such communities or organizations with fire protection or to establish a mutual aid system.
25. No apparatus shall be hired out or permitted to leave the Town without the consent of the Chief, except in response to a call for aid in a neighboring community, provided that the officer in charge of the Department at the time may assign equipment for response to calls for outside aid in accordance with Regulation 24 and in other cases only when the absence of such equipment will not jeopardize protection in the Town.
26. Each member of the Department shall be issued a badge designating his rank.

27. All motor equipment and all personal cars of the Department members shall have right-of-way over all other traffic when responding to an alarm.
28. Each member of the Department driving a car shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the Car.
29. No person shall drive any vehicle over fire hose except upon specific orders from the Chief or other officer in charge where the hose is used.
30. (a) No person shall park any vehicle or cause any other obstruction to be placed within fifty (50) feet of the entrance to any fire station or other place where fire apparatus is stored, or within ten (10) feet of any fire hydrant or cistern. (b) No person shall blow snow or place snow on any fire hydrant.
31. No unauthorized person with any vehicle shall follow within six hundred (600) feet of any apparatus belonging to the Department, nor park any vehicle within six hundred (600) feet of a fire.
32. No person shall maliciously turn in or cause to be turned in a false alarm.
33. 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 membership may decide upon, and their duties shall be to arrange for the management of any or all social functions sponsored by the Department.
34. The functions and duties of said Social Officers shall in no way interfere with those of the regular Department Officers who are charged with responsibility for all fire service activities of the Department.
35. Prosecution under these regulations may be taken summarily by any member of the Council or any police constable, or by any officer or servant of the Council authorized in that behalf.
36. Any person who violates any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or in default of payment of such penalty to imprisonment for a period not exceeding ninety days or to both such fine and imprisonment in accordance with Section 420 of the Municipalities Act.
37. These regulations shall come into effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February A.D., 2001 and may be cited as the Town of Happy Valley (Fire Protection) Regulations.