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Sec. 8-19. Adoption of the state fire code.

There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire, hazardous materials or explosion that certain code and standards known as the Minnesota State Fire Code, along with all of the rules, regulations and standards adopted

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pursuant to Minn. Stats. § 299F.011 (referred to herein as the code and standards). Every part of the code and standards, including appendices and any amendments that may from time to time be adopted, is hereby adopted and made a part of this article as if fully set forth herein.

(Ord. No. 2006-102, § 1, 2-1-2006)

State Law reference— Adoption by reference, Minn. Stats. § 471.62.

Sec. 8-20. Enforcement.

This article shall be enforced by the chief of the fire department or the fire inspector in the fire department under the supervision of the chief of the fire department.

(Ord. No. 2006-102, § 2, 2-1-2006)

Sec. 8-21. Appeals.

Whenever the fire inspector or chief of the fire department, as the case may be, disapproves an application or refuses to grant a permit applied for, or when it is claimed that the provisions of the code and standards do not apply or that the true intent and meaning of the code and standards have been misconstrued or wrongly interpreted, the applicant may appeal from the decision of the inspector or chief to the city council within 30 days from the date of the decision of the inspector or chief.

(Ord. No. 2006-102, § 3, 2-1-2006)

Sec. 8-22. New materials, processes or occupancies which may require permits.

The building inspector, the chief of the fire department, and the fire inspector shall act as a committee to determine and specify, after giving affected persons an opportunity to be heard, any new materials, processes or occupancies for which permits are required in addition to those now enumerated in the code and standards. The chief shall post such list in a conspicuous place in the office of the chief, and distribute copies thereof to interested persons.

(Ord. No. 2006-102, § 4, 2-1-2006)

Sec. 8-23. Ban on burning.

No burning of any kind shall be permitted within the city limits of Richmond with the only exception being recreational fires which must not exceed three feet by three feet and must be attended at all times by an adult person until such fire is extinguished. The adult at the fire must have a garden hose connected to a water supply, or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use. The recreational fire can only be on the private property of the individual who has the fire and must be attended at all times. (Ordinance 916)

(Ord. No. 2017-104, § 1, 4-20-2017)

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Sec. 8-24. Administrative fees, fines, or penalties.

The fees, fines, or penalties for chapter 8 are set by the city's adopted fee schedule, and are subject to change with proper notice to the public or by [the] beginning of each year.

(Ord. No. 2017-104, § 2, 4-20-2017)

Secs. 8-25—8-29. Reserved.

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Sec. 8-30. Purpose.

This article is adopted for the purpose of regulating fire and emergency service activities in the city. The intent is to ensure that the city fire chief is in control of all fire and emergency scenes and that other fire and emergency service providers do not respond within the Richmond city limits unless responding as part of a mutual aid request or with the permission of the city fire chief. Multiple uncoordinated responses are a threat to public safety if multiple emergency vehicles from multiple departments respond unnecessarily. Such uncoordinated responses create a hazard for the travelling public and pedestrians, complicate the dynamics of an emergency scene, confuse the chain of command at an emergency scene, and result in the inefficient use of limited resources.

(Ord. No. 2012-101, § 2, 1-4-2012)

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Sec. 8-31. Definitions.

[The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:]

City limits means the corporate boundaries of the City of Richmond, Minnesota.

Fire and emergency services means any deployment of organized fire fighting personnel or equipment to extinguish a fire or perform any preventative measure in an effort to protect equipment, life, or property in an area threatened by fire, or to provide fire suppression, rescue, extrication, medical and any other services related to fire and rescue as may occasionally occur.

(Ord. No. 2012-101, § 2, 1-4-2012)

Sec. 8-32. Regulation of fire and emergency services.

No person or entity other than the city fire department shall perform fire and emergency services within the city limits unless:

- (1) Responding as part of a mutual aid request;
- (2) Permission has been granted by the city fire chief or city council;
- (3) Requested by a county, state, or federal agency; or
- (4) The rendering of such services is incidental to an emergency outside of the city limits.

(Ord. No. 2012-101, § 2, 1-4-2012)

Sec. 8-33. Exceptions.

Nothing in this article shall prohibit the rendering of aid or the fighting of a fire prior to the arrival of the city fire department to the scene of an emergency. This article does not apply to county, state, or federal agencies. This article also does not apply to other entities with jurisdiction to provide emergency medical services within city limits.

(Ord. No. 2012-101, § 2, 1-4-2012)

Sec. 8-34. Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of section 8-32 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(Ord. No. 2012-101, § 2, 1-4-2012)

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Editor's note— Ord. No. 2012-101, § 2, adopted Jan. 4, 2012, amended the Code by adding provisions designated as art. III, §§ 8-30—8-33. Inasmuch as said ordinance designated two sections 8-31, the second such section, pertaining to regulation of fire and emergency services, and all remaining sections of the article, have been renumbered 8-32—8-34. ([Back](#))