

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF GLENVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA: DEFINING ITS AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR INTERFERENCE WITH ITS DUTIES.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the Town of Glenville, West Virginia, that to better protect the lives and property of its citizens, and of the citizens of Gilmer county, a department to be hereafter known as the Volunteer Fire Department of Gilmer County (herein called "Department") is hereby created.

**SECTION 1.** All fire fighting equipment and apparatus now owned by the Town of Glenville is hereby turned over and delivered to said Department, together with the right to use the fire department room or rooms in the Town Hall. Title to said equipment and apparatus is hereby reserved in said Town.

**SECTION 2.** The operating officers of the Department shall be a chief and an assistant chief, approved by the Council, and such other company officers as the chief may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department.

**SECTION 3.** The chief of the Department shall have charge of the fire fighting equipment and apparatus turned over by the Town, and in the event of the dissolution of said Department, said equipment and apparatus shall be returned to the said Town.

**SECTION 4.** The chief of the Department is hereby required to cause an inspection to be made of all buildings in the Town of Glenville, West Virginia, with the exception of those used exclusively for residential purposes, not less than twice each year, and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant thereof to abate, within a period of fifteen days after the receipt of such notice, and all fire hazards that may be found therein. Any owner or occupant failing or refusing to abate such hazard or hazards within the period specified in such notice, shall, upon conviction before the mayor said Town, pay a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100.00. In addition to the authority herein granted to the chief of said Department, he shall have all of the power and authority granted by Chapter 29, Article 3, of the Code of West Virginia.

**SECTION 5.** No unauthorized person shall ride upon, race with, trail or follow within 300 feet any apparatus belonging to the Department, or under its control, when actively responding to a fire alarm.

**SECTION 6.** No person shall drive any vehicle over a fire hose except upon specific orders from the chief of said Department, or his assistant, and then only with due caution.

**SECTION 7.** No person shall park any vehicle of any description or place any material or obstruction within fifty feet of the entrance to the fire station, or within fifteen feet of any fire hydrant, nor park any vehicle within three hundred feet of a fire.

**SECTION 8.** No person shall maliciously sound a false fire alarm.

**SECTION 9.** No person or persons shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person wilfully and without proper authority remove, take away, keep or conceal any tool, appliance or other article used in any way by the Department.

**SECTION 10.** Any person violating the provisions of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 shall, upon conviction before the Mayor of the Town, be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00, and may, in the discretion of the Mayor, be confined in jail not to exceed ten days.

**SECTION 11.** All regularly appointed members of the Department are hereby given the necessary police powers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 12.** The Chief of said Department is given the authority to designate such number of the regularly appointed members of said Department as he may deem necessary to act as special police officers while said Department is actively engaged in fighting a fire or in going to or from a fire.

**SECTION 13.** It is hereby made the special duty of the Chief of Police, Policeman, and such other peace officers as are on duty at the time, to respond to all fire alarms and assist the Department in the protection of the life and property of the citizens, and property of the Department, or under its control, and in controlling and regulating traffic and maintaining order.