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ARTICLE IX Fire Department

§ 9.00. Fire Department.

The Fire Department shall consist of the Fire Chief, the First Assistant Fire Chief, the Second Assistant Fire Chief, both volunteer and paid fire fighters and such other officers and positions within the Fire Department as now exist or that the Common Council may hereafter create or abolish. It shall be organized into such divisions as the Fire Chief shall establish. Included among the functions of the Department shall be the prevention of fire, the fighting and control of fires, and the performance of emergency and rescue operations.

§ 9.01. Fire Chief and Assistants.

The Chief of the Fire Department shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Common Council from the Competitive Class of Civil Service. The Chief shall have at least ten (10) years of service as a professional fireman and shall be appointed on the basis of executive and administrative qualifications in the field. Upon the recommendation of the Dunkirk Volunteer Firemen's Association, the Mayor with the consent of the Common Council, shall appoint the First Assistant Fire Chief and the Second Assistant Fire Chief for a term of two (2) years.

§ 9.02. Fire Chief - Powers and Duties.

The Fire Chief shall be the executive head of the Fire Department. The powers and duties of the Fire Chief shall include:

- (a) Authority, direction and control over the Fire Department, its officers, members and employees;
- (b) Assignment of all members of the Department to their respective posts, shifts, details and duties;
- (c) Promulgation of reasonable rules and regulations concerning the operation of the Department, and the conduct, duties and assignments of all officers and employees;
- (d) Responsibility for the efficiency, discipline and good conduct of the Department and for the care and custody of all property used by the Department;
- (e) Provision for suitable, ongoing training for members of the Department;

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- (f) Adoption of such innovations within the Department as may be desirable for the betterment and increased efficiency of the Department;
- (g) Attendance at Common Council meetings;
- (h) Subject to the Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations, the Chief shall appoint all officers and employees of the Department to fill such positions within the Department as authorized by the Common Council; the Chief may also suspend and remove all employees subject to the Civil Service Law, Rules and Regulations;
- (i) Performance of such other similar and related duties as may be assigned by the Mayor.