

Ordinance 2002-01
Fire/Rescue Commission

Section I: Fire/Rescue Commission Department Officers

(A) Appointment: The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Fire/Rescue Commission on a contractual basis, following a review of Fire/Rescue Department members, training records, experience and meeting other qualifications set forth by the Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission. The Fire Chief contract will be for a period of two (2) years, with his/her contract being reviewed and renegotiated upon satisfactory performance, subject to suspension or removal pursuant to law.

(B) Appointment: The 1st and 2nd Assistant Chiefs positions will be appointed by the Fire/Rescue Commission following a review of the Fire/Rescue Department members, training records, experience and meeting other qualifications set forth by the Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission. The 1st and 2nd Assistant Chief shall hold office during satisfactory performance, subject to suspension or removal pursuant to law.

Section II: Appointment of Commissioners

(A) Residency; Quorum: The Board of Fire/Rescue Commissions shall consist of 5 (five) citizens who are the residents of the Village or Town of Somerset, 3 three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

(B) Composition: The Joint Commission members shall be:

(1) Town:

- (a)** One (1) Town of Somerset Board member.
- (b)** One (1) Town of Somerset chosen at large.

(2) Village:

- (a)** One (1) Village of Somerset Board member.
- (b)** One (1) Village of Somerset chosen at large.

(3) Alternating Member at Large:

- (a)** One (1) Village/Town Commission member to be chosen at large, alternating each year between the Village and Town resident.

(C) Confirmation: All Fire/Rescue Commission members appointed by each Board will be approved by the Board they are representing.

(D) Terms: The Boards of the Village and Town of Somerset shall appoint members annually at their first meeting in May, with approval of a full Board. Terms of appointments are two (2) years unless:

- (1) Resignation:** Of members either from:
 - (a)** Fire/Rescue Commission
 - (b)** Board Member
- (2) Suspension:** Or removal by Commission.
- (3) Suspension:** Or removal from Office by Board.
- (4) Term:** Of Board membership is completed.

(E) Political Affiliation: No appointment shall be made which results in more than three (3) members of the Commission belonging to the same political party.

Section III: Scope and Mission of Authority Specified: The provisions of Sec. 62.14, Wisconsin Statutes (except for the statutory optional powers) and all acts amendatory thereto so far as the same are applicable, are incorporated herein by reference and shall be effective in the same manner as set forth in full herein. In accordance with Sections 62.13 and 61.65, Wisconsin Statutes, the Fire/Rescue Commission shall have specific powers and authority:

- (A)** To conduct original entrance examinations for those seeking employment in the Fire/Rescue Department at the lowest ranks and to prepare an eligible list from applicants successful in the examinations, including establishment of requirements for eligibility for employment. the actual appointments shall be made by the Fire Chief from the list certified by the Commission
- (B)** To conduct hearings on discharge or disciplinary actions within the Fire/Rescue Department.
- (C)** Review and approve all operations for the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department.
- (D)** The Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission will establish and maintain ordinance governing the operation and conduct of members of the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department.
- (E)** To conduct hearings and resolve complaints or conflicts filed against or from within the Fire/Rescue Department in the performance of their assigned duties.
- (F)** To review all budgets and audits of the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department and make recommendations to the Village and Town Boards of Somerset for approval or disapproval.

(G) To review and make recommendations to the Boards on approval or disapproval of equipment needs to perform the duties of the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department.

(H) To review and make recommendations on the contract between the Village and Town of Somerset for the funding and operations of the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department.

(I) To request a special meeting between the Village and Town Boards of Somerset for conflicts or emergencies that may arise.

(J) To sue or be sued where necessary to carry out an expressed power or duty.

Section IV: Rules of Procedures: The Fire/Rescue Commission shall, from time to time, make such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to perform and execute the duties and powers vested in such Commission.

Section V: Authority of Boards: The supervision, management of equipment of the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department of the Village and Town of Somerset, is herein vested in the Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission. Boards shall review the salaries of the Chief and members of the Somerset Fire/Rescue Department.

Section VI: Record: The Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings, and shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out its duties.

Section VII: Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission Expenses: The Village and Town Boards shall approve all funds for compensation and for the expenses the Somerset Fire/Rescue Commission that are deemed necessary to perform its duties.

Section VIII: Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication, as provided by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2002.

_____, Ed Schachtner, Town Chairman

_____, Jerry Neumann, Town Supervisor

_____, Douglas Plourde, Town Supervisor

Attest:

_____, Jeri Koester, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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