

ORDINANCE NO. 24-1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL AND RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A) 14-53-101 gives the power to the city council to establish a fire department and provide them with engines and other such equipment as shall be necessary to extinguish fires and preserve the property of the city and the inhabitants from conflagration.

SECTION 1: ESTABLISHMENT: The governing body of the City of Hector hereby affirms this action.

SECTION 2: INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

1. Appointment: A.C.A 14-42-110 gives the mayor sole authority to appoint or remove the Fire Chief. The city council may override the Mayor's action with a two-thirds vote of all council members. The Interim appointment will be for a period ending on December 31st, 2024 at 11:59 P.M.

SECTION 3: FIRE CHIEF

1. Appointment of the permanent Fire Chief will be determined upon a recommendation from the Hector Volunteer Fire Department Advisory Board and voted on by the Hector City Council.
2. Duties of the Fire Chief will be outlined in the job description and duties as determined by the city council and the Hector Volunteer Fire Department Advisory Board

SECTION 4: HECTOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

1. The Hector Volunteer Fire Department Advisory Board will consist of five members. Member positions one through three will be elected among the active membership of the Hector Volunteer Fire Department. Member positions four through five will be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Hector City Council. All member positions will serve a term of 2 years.

SECTION 5: HECTOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INTERIM ASSISTANT CHIEF, AND RECORDER

1. The Assistant Fire Chief and Recorder of the Hector Volunteer Fire Department will be for a period ending on December 31st, 2024 at 11:59 P.M.

SECTION 6: ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND RECORDER

1. Appointment of the permanent Assistant Fire Chief and Recorder will be determined upon a recommendation from the Hector Volunteer Fire Department Advisory Board upon approval of the Hector City Council.

SECTION 7: MEMBERS

1. Must live within the boundaries of the Hector Volunteer Fire District.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age
3. If under 18 years of age, must be in an established explorer program.
4. Must have and maintain a valid Arkansas Driver's License
5. Must attend mandatory training to be certified by the State of Arkansas
6. Members that do not meet the training, certification, or other bylaw requirements may be dismissed at the discretion of the Fire Chief.

SECTION 8: MUTUAL AID

1. The Hector Volunteer Fire Department will provide Fire Protection Services inside the city limits of Hector.
2. The Hector Volunteer Fire Department will provide Fire Protection Services within the assigned fire district.
3. The Hector Volunteer Fire Department will participate in mutual aid agreements with all local county fire departments.

SECTION 9: FINANCES

1. The City of Hector will establish a Hector Volunteer Fire Department Fund in which all funds received on behalf of the fire department will be deposited.
2. The City of Hector will establish a Hector Volunteer Fire Department annual budget to include projected revenue and projected expenditures.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY, if for any reason, any portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 11: EMERGENCY CLAUSE It has been determined by the governing body of the City of Hector that in the interest of public health, peace, and safety of all citizens of the City of Hector, that an emergency is hereby declared. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, THIS 27 **DAY OF AUGUST, 2024**

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ATTEST Sandra Beck
Recorder/Treasurer

[Signature]
Mayor