



Town of New Gloucester

Fire Rescue Ordinance

Approved March 5, 2003
Amended May 2, 2022

TOWN OF NEW GLOUCESTER

FIRE RESCUE ORDINANCE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish the 'New Gloucester Fire Rescue Department.' This Ordinance shall supersede any existing ordinances. The amendments and changes to this Ordinance shall become effective immediately after adoption.

Section I.

Title, Authority, and Purpose

Title: The organization shall be known as the 'New Gloucester Fire Rescue Department'. (Herein after so called the Department.)

Authority: This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with Title 30-A M.R.S. Sections 3001 and 3151 et seq.

Purpose: The primary purpose of the Department shall be to prevent and extinguish fires and to provide Emergency Medical Services within the Town of New Gloucester. The Department shall also assist other municipalities as resources are available and may be needed in a cooperative effort. The Municipal Officers shall have the authority to enter into written agreements with other municipalities, acting on a recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Town Manager, whereas the Department will comply with such agreement.

Section II.

Organization

The Department shall be a 'municipal fire department' as defined in 30-A M.R.S § 3151(1), and as amended. It shall be a department within the Town of New Gloucester. The Department may consist of Per Diems, Call Members, and Full-time Members. The Department shall provide firefighting, emergency medical services, and other emergency services within the Town and elsewhere as required by mutual aid or other contractual agreements.

Section III.

Personnel

The Department shall be composed of individual residents of New Gloucester and nonresidents who are qualified and appointed by the Fire Chief, Department Officers, and then confirmed by the Town Manager.

Personnel are required to acknowledge and follow the Town's Personnel Policy and Departmental Policies, as applicable.

Section IV.

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Town Manager and confirmed by the Municipal Officers. The Fire Chief shall have the powers and duties set forth in 30-A M.R.S. § 3153. The Fire Chief shall establish an organizational structure to best meet the needs of the Town of New Gloucester, in collaboration with the Town Manager, and ultimately approved by the Municipal Officers.

Section V.

Department Funds/Assets/Equipment/Donations

All funds raised for the Department at town meeting shall be treated as municipal funds under 30-A M.R.S. § 5652 et seq, and as amended. As such, no expenditures of Department Funds shall be made unless approved by the Fire Chief, Town Manager, and Municipal Officers.

All other funds donated to the Department or raised for the Department by the Auxiliary, shall also be treated as municipal funds under 30-A M.R.S. § 5652, and as amended. No expenditures of the donated funds may be made unless approved by a majority of the Departments members present at any meeting that is considering spending these funds. Funds raised by the Auxiliary shall be expended when a majority vote of the Auxiliary members present at any meeting that is considering spending these funds.

The assets and equipment of the Department shall be considered property of the Town of New Gloucester. Any donated equipment becomes the property of the Town of New Gloucester.

If any funds, assets, or equipment are given to the town or Department as conditional gifts, then the Municipal Officers and town meeting acceptance shall comply with conditions of 30-A M.R.S. § 5654, and as amended. All unconditional gifts shall be considered at town meeting in accordance with 30-A M.R.S § 5655, and as amended.

Section VI.

Auxiliary

The Town of New Gloucester Fire Rescue Department recognizes an auxiliary association. This association is a social/fundraising entity without any management, ownership, and/or oversight of the departments' operations. The auxiliary shall establish its own organization structure and guidance in collaboration with the Fire Chief.

Municipal Officers' Certification of Official Text of a
Proposed Ordinance

To the Town Clerk of the Town of New Gloucester:


We hereby certify to you that the document to which we have affixed this certificate is a true copy of the official text of an ordinance entitled "**Town of New Gloucester Fire Rescue Ordinance**", which is to be presented to the voters for their consideration on May 2, 2022.

Pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. § 3002(2), you will retain this copy of the complete text of the ordinance as a public record and make other copies available for distribution to the voters, and you will ensure that copies are available at the Town Meeting on the day of the vote.

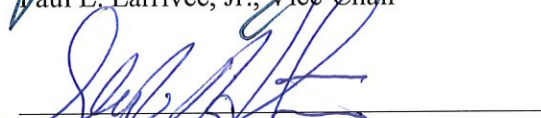
Dated: March 21, 2022

Municipal Officers

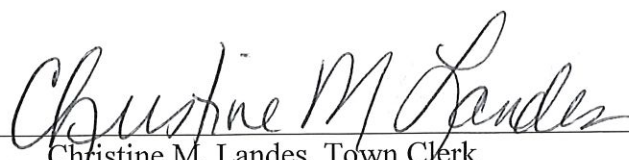

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March 21, 2022