# CHAPTER 7

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#### §7-101. Recognizing the William Penn Fire Company.

That the William Penn Fire Company and its members and volunteers are authorized by the Borough Council to perform the following in addition to the normal firefighting duties:

- A. Participation in drills, practices, training sessions and pre-fire planning activities authorized by the Fire Chief of the Company and supervised by a qualified instructor, or a Fire Company officer.
- B. Participation in community celebrations, ceremonial observances and funerals for deceased fire fighters or other public figures where such attendance is deemed appropriate by the Company.
- C. While performing duties necessary to prepare the fire station for use as a distribution center, a place of assembly, or a polling place for the primary and general elections.
- D. Preparation for and responsible participation in parades, providing the attendance has the prior approval of the Company.
- E. Any and all public safety activities undertaken by Company members to render care to the injured, prevent loss of life, provide comfort and security to victims, and to limit or prevent damage to or loss of property as circumstances may dictate, including participation in fire prevention activities, post-fire investigations, explosive searches, evacuation drills and fire lane enforcement.
- F. Any public service functions performed for the welfare of the community as long as these activities are responsibly supervised and are sanctioned by the Company, including rendering assistance to police officers where such aid is specifically requested or is done without request to protect the public welfare from imminent danger, including fire police duties, the recovery of animals, and other activities of a public emergency nature.
- G. Participation in public programs to promote health and safety, and to enlist new members or solicit community support, or conduct fund raising activities so long as no compensation is being paid to the member while engaged in the fund raising activity, 100% of the proceeds go to the Company and so long as each activity is sanctioned by the Company including performing maintenance and remodeling work on the Fire Company vehicles buildings, grounds or other equipment and including such other duties necessary for the efficient operation of the volunteer Company as may, from time to time, be assigned by the officers of the Company within their authority under the Constitution and Bylaws of the Company.

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H. Participation in scheduled social and athletic activities for the benefit of members. [Ord. 223]

(Ord. 212, 5/4/1998, §1; as amended by Ord. 223, 1/7/2002)

#### PART 2

#### **OPENING BURNING**

#### **§7-201.** Definitions.

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meaning indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

**FURNACE** - any enclosed device specifically designed for burning any material for the production of heat.

**GARBAGE** - all putrescible animal and vegetable matter resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.

**GOVERNING BODY -** the Borough Council of the Borough of Hulmeville, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

**INCINERATOR** - any device specifically designed for the destruction by burning of refuse, rubbish or any other combustible material.

**OPEN FIRE** - a fire in which any material is burned in the open or in a receptacle other than a furnace or incinerator.

**PERSON** - any individual, partnership, association, corporation, department, bureau, agency or other legal entity.

**REFUSE** - garbage, rubbish and trade waste.

**RUBBISH** - solids not considered to be highly flammable or explosive including but not limited to rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, wood, excelsior, paper, ashes, tree branches, tree leaves, yard trimmings, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry and other similar materials.

**SALVAGE OPERATION -** any business, trade or industry engaged in whole or in part in salvaging or reclaiming any product or material, including, but not limited to, metals, chemicals shipping containers or drums.

**TRADE WASTE -** all solid or liquid material or rubbish resulting from construction, building operations or the prosecution of any business, trade or industry including but not limited to, plastic products, cartoons, paint, grease, oil and other petroleum products, chemicals, cinders and other forms of solid or liquid waste materials.

(Ord. 201, 10/5/1995, §1)

§7-202. Enforcement.

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The Borough Council of Hulmeville Borough shall have the power and duty to enforce the provisions of this Part.

(Ord. 201, 10/5/1995, §2)

#### §7-203. Regulations.

Within the Borough of Hulmeville, no person shall:

- A. Ignite or feed an open fire in any public or private place outside of any building, except when burned in a cooking apparatus, structure or pit, used for the preparation of food for human consumption and fueled by charcoal, wood or other recognized solid or gaseous fuels.
- B. Cause, suffer, allow, or permit the maintenance of any open fire for the destruction of refuse, rubbish or in the conduct of a salvage operation on any property under his control outside of any building, except as follows:
  - (1) Open fires may be set in the performance of any official duty of any public officer if the fire is necessary for the prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by other means or the protection of public health.
  - (2) Open fires may be set only with the written approval of the Borough Fire Marshal or other officer designated by him, provided that no such burning is done on any public street or sidewalk within Hulmeville Borough and that all such burning takes place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

(Ord. 201, 10/5/1995, §3)

#### §7-204. Penalties.

Any person who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fines and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

(Ord. 201, 10/5/1995, §4; as amended by Ord. 223, 1/7/2002)