

## Chapter 8

### FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION

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#### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

##### Sec. 8-1. 911 ADDRESSES

###### 1) Nonresidential Property Number Requirement.

Each nonresidential building in the incorporated area of the City of Archer shall have its assigned building number properly displayed, whether or not mail is delivered to such building or property. The owner(s) of such building shall post the assigned building number on the property in the following manner:

A) The building number shall be affixed to the front of the building, or to a separate structure in front of the building (such as a mailbox, post, wall or fence), in such a manner so as to be clearly visible and legible from the public or private way on which the building fronts.

B) The numerals shall be Arabic and shall not be less than six inches in height and ½-inch in width.

C) The numerals shall be of a color that contrasts with the immediate background of the building or structure on which such numerals are affixed.

###### 2) Residential Property Number Requirement.

Each residential building (herein referred to as “dwellings”) in the incorporated area of the City of Archer shall have its assigned building number properly displayed, whether or not mail is delivered to such dwelling. The owner(s) of such dwelling in the incorporated area of the City of Archer shall post the assigned building number on the property in the following manner:

- A) The building number shall be affixed to the front of the dwelling, or to a separate structure in front of the building (such as a mailbox, post, wall or fence), in such a manner so as to be clearly visible and legible and give an unobstructed view from the public or private way on which the dwelling fronts.
- B) The numerals shall be Arabic and shall not be less than six inches in height and ½-inch in width.
- C) The numerals shall be of a color that contrasts with the immediate background of the dwelling or structure on which such numerals are affixed.

(Ord. 9-2004 09-27-04)

Sec. 8-2—8-5. RESERVED

## ARTICLE II. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### DIVISION I. GENERALLY

Sec. 8-6. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Article, the following words are defined:

Chief: Shall mean the Chief of the Archer Volunteer Fire Department.

Department: Shall mean the Archer Volunteer Fire Department.  
(Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-7. STRUCTURE

The Department shall be a Department of the City of Archer. (Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-8. COMPOSITION

The Department shall be composed of a Chief and such other officers as shall be necessary to operate the Department. The management plan determining officers and responsibilities for the Department shall be submitted by the Chief and approved by the City Manager.

(Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-9. FIRE CHIEF-QUALIFICATIONS

The Fire Chief shall have the following minimum qualifications:

- 1) Successful completion of the State Certified Volunteer Firefighter course (thirty (30) hours),
- 2) Successful completion of the Emergency Medical Services First Responder course, and
- 3) Successful completion of the Florida Department of Forestry eight-hour brush fire course, and two (2) years of firefighting experience. (Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-10. FIRE CHIEF-SELECTION

The Chief shall be selected by the City Manager after consultation with members of the Department. Consultation shall be a meeting of Department members attended by the City Manager at which selection of the Chief shall be discussed. (Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-11. FIRE CHIEF-REMOVAL

The Chief may be removed by the City Manager. The Chief may appeal removal to the City Commission. The City Commission after due public notice and hearing may affirm, modify, or reverse the decision of the City Manager. (Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-12. FIRE CHIEF-DUTIES

The Chief shall:

- 1) Supervise Department personnel,
- 2) Promote and schedule educational training for department personnel and maintain records on personnel training,
- 3) Maintain the station log and make all the required reports, including but not limited to State Fire Marshall reports and monthly reports to the Archer City Commission,
- 4) Prepare and submit a Department budget to the City Manager,
- 5) Develop equipment specifications for acquisition of department equipment,
- 6) Maintain and safeguard Department property and equipment, and
- 7) Appoint and remove officers and members of the Department subject to review and approval of the City Manager. (Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-13. MEMBERSHIP-GENERALLY

Members of the Department shall be appointed by the Chief subject to review and approval of the City Manager. (Ord. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Sec. 8-14. MEMBERSHIP-REMOVAL

Members may be removed by the Chief. Members may appeal removal to the City Manager. The City Manager, after hearing, may affirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Chief.

(Ord. No. 259-89 § 2 10-22-89)

Secs. 8-15—8-55. RESERVED

DIVISION II. EQUIPMENT

Sec. 8-56. AUTHORIZED

The department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time to maintain its efficiency and properly protect life and property from fire.

(Code 1971, § 8-51)

Sec. 8-57. PROCEDURE FOR ACQUISITION

The recommendations of apparatus and equipment needed shall be made by the chief, and after approval by the city commission shall be purchased in such manner as may be designated by the city commission. (Code 1971, § 8-52)

Sec. 8-58. HOUSING

All equipment of the department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such places as may be designated by the city commission. Such places shall be heated during the winter season.

(Code 1971, § 8-53)

Sec. 8-59. ARRANGEMENT FOR ALARM SYSTEM

Suitable arrangement or equipment shall be provided for citizens to turn in an alarm, and for notifying all members of the department so that they may promptly respond. (Code 1971, § 8-54)

Sec. 8-60. UNAUTHORIZED USE

No person shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person willfully and without proper authority take away or conceal any article used in any way by the Department. (Code 1971, § 8-55)

Sec. 8-61. ACCESS RESTRICTED

No person shall enter any place where fire apparatus is housed or handle any apparatus or equipment belonging to the department unless accompanied by, or having the special permission of, an officer or authorized member of the department. (Code 1971, § 8-56)

Sec. 8-62. INSIGNIA FOR PRIVATE VEHICLES

Each member of the department driving a car shall be issued a suitable insignia to be attached to the car. (Code 1971, § 8-57)

Sec. 8-63. SPECIAL WARNING DEVICES, OPERATION GENERALLY

All motor equipment and all personal cars of department members shall, when properly marked and equipped with legal warning devices, have right-of-way over all other traffic

when responding to an alarm. This shall not be construed to mean vehicles may be used in a reckless manner. Caution shall be observed at all times. (Code 1971, § 8-58)

Secs. 8-64—8-74. RESERVED

### ARTICLE III. FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Sec. 8-75. ARCHER FIRE PREVENTION CODE

The City of Archer, Florida, has adopted the Fire Prevention Code governing construction within unincorporated Alachua County, as and for building regulations apply within the corporate limits of the City of Archer, Florida. (Ord. No. 218-86)

Sec. 8-76. ARCHER FIRE PREVENTION CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City Commission of the City of Archer, Florida and such other agencies and individuals as designated by the City Commission of the City of Archer shall be responsible for the enforcement of the Archer Fire Protection Code. (Ord. No. 218-86, § 2 5-12-86)

Sec. 8-77. PERIODIC FIRE PREVENTION INSPECTIONS

The City Commission or other enforcement agencies or individuals as designated by the City Commission of the City of Archer may cause to be inspected all premises on a periodic basis, and shall make such orders as may be necessary for the enforcement of the laws and ordinances governing the same and of safe keeping of life and property from fire.

(Ord. No. 218-86, § 3 5-12-86)

Sec. 8-78. ORDER TO REMOVE FIRE HAZARDS

- a) Whenever the City Commission or other enforcement official shall find in any building, or upon any premises or other places, combustible, or explosive matter or dangerous accumulations of rubbish or unnecessary accumulations of waste paper,

boxes, shavings, or any highly flammable materials especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger property, or shall find obstructions to or on fire escapes, stairs, passageways, doors or windows liable to interfere with the operations of the Fire Department or egress of occupants in case of fire, the Clerk or enforcement official shall order the same to be removed or remedied, and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings subject to the appeals procedure provided for in this article.

- b) Any owner or occupant failing to comply with such order within a reasonable period after the service of said order shall be liable to penalties as hereinafter provided.
- c) The service of any such order may be made upon the occupant of the premises to whom it is directed, either by delivering a copy of same to such occupant personally, or leaving it with any person in charge of the premises, or in case no such person is found upon the premises, by affixing a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the door to the entrance to said premises.

Whenever it may be necessary to serve such an order upon the owner of the premises, such order may be served either by delivering to and leaving with the said person a copy of the said order, or if such owner is absent from the jurisdiction of the officer making the order, by mailing such copy by certified mail to the owner's last known post office address.

#### Sec. 8-79. INCLUSIVE APPLICABILITY OF ARCHER FIRE PREVENTION CODE

The provisions of the Archer Fire Protections Code shall apply equally to both public and private property and it shall apply to all structures and their occupancies. (Ord. No. 218-86, § 5 12-86)

#### Sec. 8-80. EXERCISE OF POLICE POWERS

Sections 8-75—8-81 shall be deemed an exercise of the police powers of the City of Archer for the preservation and protection of the public health, peace, safety and welfare,

and all the provisions of the Archer Fire Protection Code shall be liberally construed for that purpose.

(Ord. No. 218-86, § 6 5-12-86)

Sec. 8-81. BOARD OF APPEALS

The City Commission shall sit as a Board of Appeals for the purposes of this section.

(Ord. No. 218-86, § 8 5-12-86)

Sec. 8-82. VIOLATIONS

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of the Archer Fire Protection Code, or shall fail to comply therewith; or shall violate or fail to comply with any order made thereunder; or shall build in violation of any details, statements, specifications, or plans submitted or approved thereunder; or shall operate not in accordance with the provisions of any certificate, permit or approval issued thereunder, and from which no appeal has been taken; or who shall fail to comply with such an order shall severally for each every violation and non-compliance, respectively, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provide for in Florida Statutes Chapter 775.082 and 775.083. The imposition of a penalty for any violation shall not excuse the violation nor shall the violation be permitted to continue. All such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time, and when not otherwise specified, the application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of the prohibited conditions. (Ord. No. 218-86, § 7 5-12-86)