

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6410

AN ORDINANCE amending the Bellevue City Code to create a new Chapter 3.35 specific to the Bellevue Fire Department; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, RCW 35.22.280(22) vests first class cities with the authority to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires and to regulate or prohibit the transportation, keeping, or storage of all combustible or explosive materials within its corporate limits, and to regulate and restrain the use of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35.22.280(23) vests first cities with authority to establish fire limits and to make all such regulations for the erection and maintenance of buildings or other structures within its corporate limits as the safety of persons or property may require, and to cause all such buildings and places as may from any cause be in a dangerous state to be put in safe condition; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to RCW 35A.21.160 the City of Bellevue is granted the authority to exercise the powers of a first class city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 19.27.031 the City has adopted the 2015 International Fire Code defining certain functions and authority for the Bellevue Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Fire Department was created in 1965 and has continually operated as a department within the City since its establishment; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.13.090 provides that on recommendation of the city manager or upon its own action, the council may create such departments, offices and employments as may be found necessary and may determine the powers and duties of each department or office; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of accreditation with the Commission on Fire Accreditation International the Bellevue Fire Department would benefit from being specifically recognized as an administrative department within the City, now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 3.35 is added to the Bellevue City Code to read as follows:

3.35.010 Department established – Functions.

There is created and established a fire department which shall protect life and property from fire, inspect property for fire hazards and require their removal; enforce the ordinances for fire safety in places of public gathering; foster fire prevention, regulate the use of all combustible or explosive materials, regulate and restrain the use of fireworks, provide emergency medical services, and perform such other duties in the protection of life and property as directed by the city manager.

3.35.020 Fire Chief – Appointment – Responsibilities.

The city manager shall appoint the fire chief who shall report directly to the city manager. The fire chief shall be appointed for an indefinite term and may be removed at any time by the city manager. The fire chief shall direct the operations of the fire department and may delegate such duties as necessary.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after after passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2018,
and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____,
2018.

(SEAL)

John Chelminiak, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Lori M. Riordan, City Attorney

Chad Barnes, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

Kyle Stannert, City Clerk

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