

ORDINANCE NO. 499
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA TO AMEND
TITLE XIII, CHAPTER 8.01 "FIRE AND BUILDINGS REGULATIONS," SECTION 8.0101
"VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT," SECTION 8.0103 "BY-LAWS AND
CONSTITUTION," SECTION 8.0107 "CITY COUNCIL" FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF
SPRINGFIELD, SOUTH DAKOTA.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Springfield, South Dakota, Title XIII, Chapter 8.01, Section 8.0101, Section 8.0103, and Section 8.0107 of the Revised City Ordinances of the City of Springfield 1989, be amended as follows:

8.0101 Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Department

There is hereby established a Springfield Fire Department and an Ambulance Department for the City of Springfield, South Dakota.

8.0103 By-Laws and Constitution Said organizations shall adopt a departmental, ~~subject to the approval of the City Council,~~ a Constitution and By-Laws, subordinate to the ordinances of the city and subject to the approval of the City Council. Rules and regulations shall be provided in the by-laws for each department's the conduct and coordinated service between the two departments for public protection and safety, ~~of the Springfield Fire and Ambulance Department~~ with full authority in the Fire Chief and Ambulance Director to enforce ~~them~~ their respective rules and regulations, subject to review or confirmation of the City Council.

8.0104 Meetings

Fire Department regular meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month. Ambulance Department regular meetings shall be held on the fourth Monday of each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Fire Chief or acting chief and Ambulance Director as necessity requires for their respective departments.

8.0107 City Council

The City Council shall have the power to remove any officer of the Fire Department and/or Ambulance Department from his/her office and to veto, amend, or suspend any by-law or resolution enacted by the members of the Fire Department and/or Ambulance Department

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Should any section or sections of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional by a court of last resort, the same shall not invalidate the remaining sections of this ordinance.

Norman Schelske, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Candace Grassel, Finance Officer

SEAL

Placed upon its first reading June 3, 2013
Placed upon its second reading July 1, 2013
Approved this 1st day of July, 2013
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Note: This proposed amendment is my suggestion to clarify that there are two entities that operate under the city, independently, in different capacities, yet must coordinate their function to protect and serve our community.

Yellow is additions to original ordinance.

*Candace Grassel
Finance Officer*

Notes on thoughts, questions, ideas, info:

Should an amended ordinance address that the Ambulance Department is directly under the city and the fire department is under the “umbrella” of the city? Ambulance Department uses the city Fed ID#. Council by motion has officially put the Ambulance Department “under” the city because of this any many other reasons. The Fire Department utilizes their own Fed ID#. They have not provided the office with a W-9 identifying their Fed ID#.

FYI ... With the Fire Department **the city may or may not fund the department as they see fit.** City may choose to pay all **or** for certain items,..buildings, fuel, electricity etc. by receiving the billings directly **or** may grant a specific amount to the department so they may spend as they see fit...all bills would go to the department and they would pay all invoices for their department.

FYI ... Some cities and fire department have agreements to clarify who pays for what...might be an idea for us to consider.