

# TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE

## FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

### SECTION 8

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- A. The District shall apply and enforce the applicable codes, rules, and ordinances. Notwithstanding these policies or any applicable provision of the Oregon Fire Code or other statute, such application and enforcement is discretionary, recognizing that the District has limited resources due to financial limitations. Accordingly, in order to accomplish such application and enforcement, the District may employ specific programs and activities to achieve a reasonable level of fire and life safety; however, the scope and frequency of program application shall be within the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- B. The District shall maintain “exempt” status within its service area consistent with the requirements of ORS and the State Fire Marshal.
- C. The Fire Chief (or designee) shall promulgate fire codes, rules, and ordinances for fire prevention and control designed to provide a reasonable degree of fire and life safety and sufficient to maintain an exempt status throughout the District, consistent with applicable State statutes and local regulations.
- D. The District may enter into agreements with neighboring or allied jurisdictions for mutual benefit in providing fire prevention related services.
- E. To the extent practical and upon request, the District may render assistance to other jurisdictions.

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SECTION 8.2            EDUCATION

- A.     The District shall deliver external public education programs.
- B.     The District shall maintain internal fire safety, prevention, and education programs.

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## SECTION 8.3 INVESTIGATIONS

- A. The District shall develop and employ programs to investigate the origin and cause of fires, explosions, and hazardous conditions that occur within the District.
- B. The District shall work collaboratively with the appropriate law enforcement agency in the investigation and subsequent prosecution of individuals involved in fires that are determined to be incendiary in nature.
- C. The District shall refer investigative findings to other agencies as appropriate.

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ORS 476.210

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- A. The District shall employ activities and programs that ensure, to a reasonable degree, that buildings and premises are maintained in accordance with the applicable fire safety codes, rules, and ordinances.
- B. The District shall seek legal remedy, as necessary and available, to enforce provisions of applicable codes and ordinances or to abate identified hazards. To the extent practical, enforcement actions will occur through the enforcement procedures established within each of the jurisdictions that the District serves.

## LEGAL REFERENCE:

ORS 478.910 et. seq.

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SECTION 8.5      COMMUNITY/LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE AVAILABILITY

- A.     The District shall assist with building and other appropriate officials in the jurisdictions served by the District to review access, water supply, and other fire and life safety issues in new construction and land development applications.
- B.     The District shall identify, and to the greatest extent possible, mitigate within the service availability request, those conditions created by development that negatively affect the District's emergency response capability or Deployment Standard.
- C.     The District supports the insertion of automatic fire sprinklers throughout buildings newly constructed in the District.

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ORS 478.927

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- A. The District shall include Fire & Life Safety in the District's goals and objectives.
- B. The District shall develop metrics appropriate to identify injury, response and loss trends and evaluate program effectiveness.

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SECTION 8.7            POLICY APPROVAL

This is to certify that Operations, Section 8, policies 8.1 – 8.6, were duly adopted and approved by Board action on:

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Justin J. Dillingham, President of the Board

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Clark I. Balfour, Secretary of the Board

APPROVED: May 28, 2024