AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 2.24 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATKINS MUNICIPAL CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03

WHEREAS, the members of the Atkins Fire Department have determined that it is in the best interest of members of the Atkins Fire Department and the citizens of Atkins, Arkansas that certain provisions of Chapter 2.24 of the Atkins Municipal Code be amended to provide for the better operation of the Atkins Fire Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATKINS, ARKANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1

Section 2.24.01 General rules §I-P of the Atkins Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

I. Each permanent member of the Atkins Fire Department shall attend fifty percent (50%) of the meetings each year, obtain and complete a minimum of six (6) hours training each quarter and obtain the minimum amount of training required by the state of Arkansas for certified firefighters. Failure of a permanent member to attend the requisite number of meetings over any consecutive twelve (12) month period or failure to obtain and complete the required minimum hourly training over any quarterly or annual period shall cause that permanent member to be subjected to disciplinary action which may include expulsion.

J. Each member must attend no less than thirty percent (30%) of all fire calls. Failure of a member to attend the requisite number of fire calls over any consecutive twelve month period shall cause that member to be subjected to disciplinary action which may include expulsion.

K. Members will conduct themselves in a professional and safe manner when on department duty.

L. No department member while on duty shall possess, in[illegible]f, or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor, narcotics, or illegal drugs of any kind. Any member suspected of such will be removed from the call by the officer in charge. All members agree to submit to a drug or alcohol test upon request while on duty. Any member violating any provision of this rule shall be referred to the Governing Committee for disciplinary action.

M. Officers will be appointed or removed by the Fire Chief at his discretion, but such appointment or removal must be approved by a majority vote of the members.

N. The Mayor of the city of Atkins will appoint the Chief of the Fire Department.

O. A member in good standing may take a leave of absence without pay for any reason for a period of not exceeding one (1) year, and upon request made within that one (1) year period, the person will be returned to active duty when the first available position becomes open.

Section 2

Section 2.24.05 Duties of the Captains §B1 of the Atkins Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

1. It is recommended that the Training Officer Captain be certified by the Arkansas Fire Academy as an Instructor.

Section 3

Section 2.24.05 Duties of the Captains §B2 of the Atkins Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

2. His job duties shall include being responsible for maintaining all training records for firefighters and he shall schedule and provide all necessary training for members of the fire department each month.

Section 4

Section 2.24.06 Governing Committee §B of the Atkins Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

B. All disciplinary matters, except those in 2.24.01 (G) shall be dealt with in hearings conducted by the Governing Committee which shall have the authority to: place on probation, caution, reprimand, suspend, or terminate a member of the department for violations of the rules and regulations of the department. The Committee shall promptly report any disciplinary decisions to the Mayor.

Section 5

Emergency Clause. This ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Atkins, Arkansas, shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

This Ordinance PASSED on this 10 day of March, 2015.

THE CITY OF ATKINS

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