

Town of Sidney Fire/Rescue Department Ordinance

Section 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Town of Sidney Fire/Rescue Department Ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish, in the manner provided by law, a municipal Fire/Rescue Department, and to define the powers and duties of the Chief of the department. The further purpose of this ordinance is to provide the maximum legal protection available to the department Chief and municipal fire/rescue personnel.

Section 3. Authority

This ordinance is enacted to 30 M.R.S.A. 1901-1920, 2152 AND 2153 AND 3771-3778.

Section 4. Definitions

4.1. Municipal Fire/Rescue Department

A municipal fire/rescue unit means an organized fire/rescue unit established pursuant to this ordinance.

4.2. Municipal Fire/Rescue Personnel

Municipal fire/rescue personnel shall mean an active member, whether full time, part time or on call, of a municipal fire/rescue department, who aids in preventing and extinguishing fires, first aid, emergency treatment and rescue assistance and is qualified to render such, under current Department of Human Services regulation governing fire/rescue personnel, each within the scope and limits of their individual licensure and training.

Section 5. Establishment

There shall be a Municipal Fire/Rescue Department which is hereby established by this ordinance.

Section 6. Duties

The Municipal Fire/Rescue Department shall provide fire remediation, first aid, emergency treatment and rescue assistance to persons in need of such assistance within the Town of Sidney and elsewhere as provided by mutual aid or other contractual agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 7. Fire/Rescue Chief

7.1 Appointment

The head of the Municipal Fire/Rescue Department shall be the Fire/Rescue Chief who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen according to the Fire/Rescue Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The Board of Selectmen shall consider the recommendations of the fire/rescue personnel. All other appointments to, or promotions within, the Department shall be made by the Board of Selectmen after securing the advice of the Fire/Rescue Chief.

7.2. Term

The Fire/Rescue Chief shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen according to the Fire/Rescue SOPs.

7.3 Powers and Duties

The Fire/Rescue Chief shall have the following powers and duties:

- a.) to control the Municipal Fire/Rescue Department and all fire/rescue apparatus belonging to the Town.
- b.) to see to the maintenance of technical proficiency of fire/rescue personnel.
- c.) to establish rules and regulations, in concert with the Assistant Fire/Rescue Chief, concerning the discipline, good order, proper conduct, care and management of the Municipal Fire/Rescue Department, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen before said rules take effect.

7.4 Municipal Fire/Rescue Personnel

The municipal fire/rescue personnel shall be under duty to provide fire remediation, first aid, emergency treatment and rescue assistance to persons in need of such assistance within the Town of Sidney and elsewhere as provide by mutual aid or other contractual agreements approved by the Board of Selectmen. They shall attend training sessions as scheduled by the Fire/Rescue Chief.

7.5 Compensation

The compensation of all members of the Department shall be set by the Board of Selectmen within the limits of Town Meeting appropriations.

7.6. Privileges and immunities provided by 14 M.R.S.A. 164 and 8101-8118.

Section 8. Severability

The invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not invalidate any other part thereof.

Section 9. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective on its adoption at the municipal referendum on 6/10/2025.

Ordinance was approved on 6/10/2025.