

Ordinance 5.08
Police Power of Department (R83.1.2)

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF PARK RIDGE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. POLICE POWER OF DEPARTMENT

1. The chief and his assistants or officers in command at any fire are hereby vested with full and complete police authority at fires. Any officer of the department may cause the arrest of any person failing to give the right of way to the fire department in responding to a fire.
2. The fire chief may prescribe certain limits in the vicinity of any fire within which no persons, excepting firemen and policemen and those admitted by order of any officer of the department, shall be permitted to come. The chief shall have the power to cause the removal of any property whenever it shall become necessary for the preservation of such property from fire, or to prevent the spreading of fire, or to protect the adjoining property, and during the progress of any fire, he shall have the power to order the removal or destruction of any property necessary to prevent the further spread of the fire. He shall also have the power to cause the removal of all wires or other facilities and the turning off of all electricity or other services where the same impedes the work of the department during the progress of a fire.
3. **Firemen may enter adjacent property.** It shall be lawful for any fireman while acting under the direction of the fire chief or other officer in command to enter upon the premises adjacent to or in the vicinity of any building or other property then on fire for the purpose of extinguishing such fire; and in case any person shall hinder, resist or obstruct any fireman in the discharge of his duty as is herein before provided, the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of resisting firemen in the discharge of their duty.
4. **Duties of bystanders to assist.** Every person who shall be present at a fire shall be subject to the orders of the chief or officer in command, and may be required to render assistance in fighting the fire, or removing or guarding property. Such officer shall have the power to cause the arrest of any person or persons refusing to obey said orders.
5. **Injury to fire apparatus.** No person shall willfully injure in any manner any hose, hydrant or fire apparatus belonging to the Village of Park Ridge and no vehicle shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a fire department when laid down on any street, private driveway or other place, to be used at any fire or alarm of fire, without the consent of the fire department official in command.

Section II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Park Ridge on this first day of January, 1996.