

## **ORDINANCE # 05-126**

### **BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF UNICOI, TENNESSEE**

#### **AN ORDINANCE FOR DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT IN THE TOWN OF UNICOI**

WHEREAS, the President, in a Homeland Security Directive (HSPD-5), directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, and local homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organization structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State and County's abilities to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command system components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State and County including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident command system;

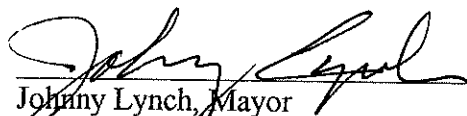
NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Unicoi, Tennessee by the virtue of the authority vested in this body by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby pass ordinance to establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the town standard for incident management.

Voting by the Board, as follows, on February 14, 2005:

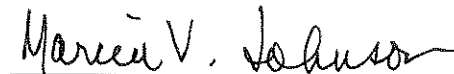
First Reading:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>
Dwight Bennett	<u>✓</u>	___
Doug Hopson	<u>✓</u>	___
Ruby McLaughlin	<u>✓</u>	___
Mark Ramsey	<u>✓</u>	___
Mayor Lynch	<u>✓</u>	___

Voting by the Board, as follows, on March 21, 2005:

Second Reading:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>
Dwight Bennett	<u>✓</u>	___
Doug Hopson	<u>✓</u>	___
Ruby McLaughlin	<u>✓</u>	___
Mark Ramsey	<u>✓</u>	___
Mayor Lynch	<u>✓</u>	___

  
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Johnny Lynch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Marcia V. Johnson, Town Recorder