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## Part 1

### Volunteer Fire Companies

#### A. Authorization to Perform Extended Duties

##### §7-101. Authorization to Perform Extended Duties.

The Township of Cambria volunteer fire companies and their ambulance associations and their membership are authorized by the Board of Supervisors to perform the following duties in addition to the normal firefighting, rescue and emergency medical duties.

A. Participation in drills, practices, training sessions and pre-fire planning activities authorized by the respective fire chief and supervised by a qualified instructor.

B. Participation in community celebrations, ceremonial observances, and funerals for deceased firefighters or other public figures where attendance is deemed appropriate and authorized in writing by the respective fire company, signed by the fire chief.

C. While performing duties necessary to prepare the fire station for use as a polling place for the primary and general elections. This is extended to include like services performed at other municipal or school district buildings for said elections.

D. Preparation for and responsible participation in parades provided that attendance has the prior written approval of the fire company, signed by the fire chief, and written notice is provided to the Township prior to the event.

E. Any public service functions performed for the welfare of the community as long as these activities are responsibly supervised and are sanctioned by the fire company and written notice is provided to the Township prior to the function.

F. Any and all public safety activities undertaken by the fire company members to render care to the injured, prevent loss of life, provide comfort and security to victims, and limit or prevent damage to or loss of property as circumstances may dictate.

G. While rendering assistance to police officers where such aid is specifically requested or is done without request to protect our citizens from imminent danger.

H. Participation in fire prevention inspection, post-fire investigations, bomb searches and evacuation drills.

I. While participating in public programs to promote health and safety, to enlist new members, solicit community support or conduct fund-raising activities so long as the activity is specifically authorized by the fire company in writing signed by the appropriate officer(s) thereof. [Ord. 112A]

J. While safely and responsibly performing maintenance and remodeling work on the fire company vehicles (including ambulance/medical service vehicles), buildings, grounds, or equipment.

K. To engage in any and all fund-raising activities sponsored by or on behalf of the volunteer fire companies including, but not limited to, door-to-door

solicitation. [*Ord. 199*]

L. While performing such other duties necessary for the efficient operation of the volunteer services as may from time to time, be assigned by the Board of Supervisors and/or officers of the fire companies.

(*Ord. 112*, 6/10/1991, §1; as amended by *Ord. 112A*, 7/22/1991, §1; and by *Ord. 199*, 2/9/2009)

**B. Deputization of Bystanders****§7-111. Deputization of Bystanders.**

1. Authorization is hereby given to the fire chief or other officer of the Revloc Volunteer Fire Company, Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company, or Dauntless Fire Company in charge at the scene of a fire or emergency to deputize a bystander, requested by said officer to lend his assistance in the fire or other emergency, as a member of the volunteer fire company. [*Ord. 199*]

2. By this aforesaid act of deputizing a bystander, it is understood that he shall become eligible for all the benefits available to other members of the said volunteer fire company should he cause damage or injury or should he suffer an injury or illness as the result of his voluntary service.

3. In order to be subject to such coverage and eligible for such benefits, such "bystander" must have been specifically requested or authorized to participate by the fire chief or other officer of the Revloc Volunteer Fire Company, Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company, or Dauntless Fire Company in charge at the scene of the fire or emergency. [*Ord. 199*]

(*Ord. 86, 4/16/1987; as amended by Ord. 199, 2/9/2009*)



**C. Authorizing Junior Members to Participate in Fund-Raising Activities****§7-121. Authorizing Junior Members to Participate in Fund-Raising Activities.**

1. Junior-minor volunteer firefighters (persons under the age of 18 years) are authorized to engage in fund-raising activities on behalf of the volunteer fire company of which they are a member (i.e., Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company, Colver, Pennsylvania, or Revloc Volunteer Fire Company, Revloc, Pennsylvania or Dauntless Fire Company, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania) provided that such fund-raising activity is properly authorized and sanctioned by the respective volunteer fire company of which they are a member. [*Ord. 199*]

2. Such volunteer-minor firefighter (person under the age of 18 years) and the volunteer fire company of which they are a member, shall abide by all of the provisions of the Child Labor Law, 43 P.S. §41 *et seq.*, and other appropriate statutes and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to employment with and/or engaging in activities of their respective volunteer fire companies.

3. The purpose of this Part is to make eligible for workers' compensation coverage, junior-minor volunteer firefighters injured while engaging in fund-raising activities authorized and sanctioned by the volunteer fire company of which he/she is a member; and nothing contained herein shall be construed or interpreted as to allow the aforesaid volunteer fire companies and/or junior-minor volunteer firefighters from being exempt from any of the provisions of the Child Labor Law, 43 P.S. §41 *et seq.* and other appropriate statutes and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and rules and regulations of the Department of Labor.

(*Ord. 87, 4/16/1987; as amended by Ord. 199, 2/9/2009*)





**D. Reimbursement Billing Policy****§7-131. Reimbursement Billing Policy.**

1. The Township of Cambria hereby authorizes the Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company, the Revloc Volunteer Fire Company and the Dauntless Volunteer Fire Company to collect, from persons who use their services as a result of a call from that person or that person's authorized agent(s) on behalf of that person, a sum sufficient to reimburse the said volunteer fire companies in full for the time and effort rendered by the said volunteer fire companies.

2. The Township shall have the right to ask for reimbursement where services are rendered by the said Township under similar circumstances at the request of a party or their authorized agent(s).

3. The respective volunteer fire companies and the Township of Cambria, on their own behalf, shall have the right in the event that said payment is not made, to pursue all lawful remedies in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

4. For purposes of this Part, the charges, for use of the Township, Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company, Revloc Volunteer Fire Company and the Dauntless Volunteer Fire Company, emergency services, equipment, materials, and personnel shall be established by the respective board of trustees of said volunteer fire companies and/or authorized officers thereof.

*(Res. 152, 2/9/1998)*



**Part 2****Outdoor Fires****§7-201. General.**

No person, firm, association, or corporation shall set or maintain any fire upon any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys, or public grounds in the Township of Cambria, Cambria County, Pennsylvania. Further, no person, firm, association, or corporation shall burn or cause to be burned any paper, boxes, leaves, twigs, small branches, grass clippings, and the like, except on their private property and in such manner and place on said private property so as to minimize smoke intrusion upon neighbors; such burning being permitted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday through Saturday. Burning for recreational purposes, i.e., campfires, etc., in any residential area shall occur only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. (midnight) Sunday through Saturday.

(Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §1)

**§7-202. Restrictions on Private Property.**

Further, as aforesaid, out-of-door fires shall be permitted only upon private property in the Township of Cambria, shall take place at least 15 feet from any dwelling, commercial or industrial building/structure, property-line, or road line, and shall be built and confined in a noncombustible container, covered with a wire screen of ½ inch or smaller mesh, or in other suitable noncombustible container, except for fires of untreated wood, leaves or brush which need not be confined to or covered by a noncombustible container. A responsible adult must be present at all times when out-of-door burning takes place.

(Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §2)

**§7-203. Written Consent Required.**

The burning of trees, bushes, brush, stumps or parts thereof and/or any building debris in a residential or commercial area or urban district/built up area, whether or not in conjunction with construction/building or clearing of a lot, is hereby prohibited without the express written consent of the Supervisors. (See Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S.A. §102 for definition of “urban district.”)

(Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §3)

**§7-204. Items Not Permitted for Burning.**

No garbage, offal, or chemical/rubber type products of any kind may be burned at any time either indoors or out-of-doors. The terms garbage and offal shall have their common meaning and shall include food waste, refuse, and rubbish and shall include any product which gives off a detectable odor or heavy dense smoke.

(Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §4)

**§7-205. Exceptions.**

Any individual, business entity, corporation, or other person located within the Township seeking to kindle or maintain out-of-door fires other than as permitted under

§§7-201 and 7-202 hereof, shall notify the nonemergency dispatch center and give notice of when and where any such burning shall take place and must give notice of when burning is complete. Further, the permission of the Supervisors of the Township of Cambria relative to such burning must also be obtained prior thereto.

(*Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §5*)

**§7-206. Prohibited Outdoor Fires.**

The Chief of the Revloc Volunteer Fire Company or the Chief of the Cambria Township Volunteer Fire Company or the Chief of Dauntless Fire Company (or any other appropriate/designated officer of said Fire Companies) or the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, may prohibit any and all outdoor fires when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous and unduly offensive.

(*Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §6*)

**§7-207. Fines and Penalties.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 173, 12/22/2003, §7; as amended by Ord. 199, 2/9/2009*)

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**Part 3****Fireworks Displays****§7-301. General.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firms, or corporations, amusement parks, fair associations or other organizations or groups or individuals, to have or to hold public displays of fireworks within the limits of the Township of Cambria unless a permit therefor is first granted by the Board of Supervisors of said Township, as hereinafter provided.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §I*)

**§7-302. Approval of Board Required.**

Every such display within the limits of said Township shall be handled by a competent operator to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, which display shall be of such character and so located, discharged, or fired, as in the opinion of the Board of Supervisors, or their duly authorized representative, after proper inspection, shall not be hazardous to property or endanger any person or persons.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §II*)

**§7-303. Application for Permit.**

Application for permits shall be made in writing to the Township Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the date of display, setting forth the proposed location of the display, the character thereof, name and address of the operator, and the name and address of the owner or owners of the grounds on which the display is to be held, with the consent of such owner or owners thereto in writing attached. All applicants shall pay to the Township Treasurer the sum in an amount as established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors before issuance of a permit.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §III; as amended by Ord. 199, 2/9/2009*)

**§7-304. Allowable Services and Nontransferability of Permit.**

If and after such permit shall have been granted, possession, sales, use, and distribution of fireworks for such display shall be lawful for that purpose only. No permit granted hereunder shall be transferable.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §IV*)

**§7-305. Bond Required by Board.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cambria shall require a bond (or other similar-appropriate security, i.e., certified check, etc.) deemed adequate by it given by the permittee or licensee in a sum not less than \$500 conditioned for the payment of all damages caused to any person or persons, and to any property by reason of the licensed display and arising from any acts of the licensee, his or its agents, employees, or subcontractors, which bond shall be filed with the Township Secretary before any permit for a supervised public display of fireworks is delivered.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §V*)

**§7-306. Request for Continuance.**

If by reason of unfavorable weather the display for which a permit has been granted does not take place at the time so authorized, the person to whom such permit was issued may within 24 hours apply to the authority having granted the same, setting forth under oath the fact that such display was not made, giving the reason therefor, and requesting a continuance of such permit for a day designated therein, not later than 1 week after the day fixed originally in said permit. Upon receiving such application for a continuance the said authority, if it believes the facts stated therein are true, shall extend the provisions of said permit to the day fixed in said application, not later than 1 week after the original day designated in the permit, and such extension of time shall be granted without the payment of any additional fee and without requiring any bond other than the one given for the original permit, the provisions of which shall extend to and cover all damages which may be caused by reason of the said display taking place at such extended date in the same manner and to the same extent as if such display had taken place at the date originally fixed in the permit.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §VI*)

**§7-307. Fines and Penalties.**

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a magisterial district judge in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

(*Ord. 102, 8/14/1989, §VII; as amended by Ord. 199, 2/9/2009*)