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Article I. AMBULANCE

A.C.A. §§ 12-75-101-133. Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973.

A.C.A. §§ 14-282-101-117. Ambulance Service Improvement Districts.

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Article III. FIRE PREVENTION / PROTECTION

A.C.A. § 14-20-108(a)(1)(A)-(a)(1)(B)(i)(a), (b)-(c). Dues for volunteer fire departments.

(a) (1)(A) The quorum court of each county, upon request filed with the quorum court by one (1) or more volunteer fire departments in the county, may adopt an Ordinance authorizing a designated county official to collect and remit to the volunteer fire department the annual or quarterly dues charged by the volunteer fire department in consideration of providing fire protection to unincorporated areas in the county.

(B)(i)(a) When a quorum court receives a request for the levy of volunteer fire department dues and the request has been signed by the fire chief and the chair and secretary of the board of directors, if any, of a volunteer fire department and filed with the county clerk, the quorum court by Ordinance shall call for an election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on each residence and on each business having an occupiable structure.

(b) (1) The Quorum Court by majority vote may designate the geographical area that a volunteer fire department serves

(2) Upon request by a volunteer fire department, the quorum court of each county involved may authorize a volunteer fire department to serve a geographical area to extend across the county boundary lines

(c) The quorum court may establish its own countywide fire department, either regular or voluntary.

A.C.A. §§ 14-284-201-225. Fire Protection Districts Outside of Cities and Towns.

A.C.A. §§ 14-284-201. Applicability.

(a) (1) Fire protection districts established under the provisions of this subchapter shall cover only territory within the county, or within the defined district, outside the corporate limits of cities and towns.

(2) (A) However, if any city or town within the district does not have an organized volunteer fire department and desires to be included within the fire protection district, upon the adoption of an Ordinance therefor by the governing body of the city or town, addressed to the county judge and quorum court, the area covered by the fire protection district may be extended to provide fire protection within the city limits of the city or town by Ordinance adopted by the quorum court.

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(B) A limited fire protection district shall be established by county Ordinance upon the petition adopted by Ordinance addressed to the county judge and quorum court from a city or town fire department that serves an area outside the city or town for the purpose of contracting for the collection of assessments under this subchapter.

(b) A fire protection district under this subchapter shall be established for fire protection in rural areas for buildings, structures, and other man-made improvements and may provide other emergency services, including hazardous and toxic materials response, search and rescue services, emergency medical services, patient transport services, and other functions as may be assigned.

(c) This subchapter does not relieve the Arkansas Forestry Commission of responsibility for providing fire protection for forest lands.

A.C.A. § 14-284-203. Methods of establishment. (Fire Protection Districts Outside of Cities and Towns.)

Fire protection districts may be established to serve all or any defined portion of any county in any of the following ways:

- (1) By ten percent (10%) of the qualified electors in the proposed district's petitioning the quorum court to hold a public hearing and to form a district, and by the quorum court's adopting an Ordinance calling for notice and a public hearing within the district;
- (2) By the county court pursuant to an election of the qualified electors of the proposed district initiated, called, and conducted as provided in this subchapter; or
- (3) By the county court pursuant to a resolution of a suburban improvement district, approved by a unanimous vote of its board of commissioners, to convert to a fire protection district to be administered under this subchapter.

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§ 940.00 CLARIFICATION OF MILLER COUNTY RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP.

- 1) Resolution 88-02 and the sales tax election of December 13, 1988, recognized the Miller County Rural Volunteer Fire Department as a County entity.
- 2) The Miller County Rural Volunteer Fire Association presently consists of nine (9) volunteer fire departments.
- 3) The nine (9) volunteer fire departments and any other volunteer fire department hereinafter approved by the Quorum Court shall be known as the “Miller County Rural Volunteer Fire Association.”
- 4) The Miller County Rural Volunteer Fire Association shall have authorization to perform its respective duties and functions in matters pertaining to fire protection within the County as authorized by County Ordinance and/or regulation and state law or regulation.
- 5) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.
([Ord. 2012-005](#), passed 04-16-2012; Am. [Ord. 2012-010](#), passed 07-23-2012)

§ 940.01 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICY MANUAL.

- 1) The Quorum Court of Miller County has determined that it is in the best interest of Miller County to rescind and/or declare null and void any and all ordinances and resolutions that previously adopted or established policy for the Miller County Volunteer Fire Department.
- 2) The Quorum Court of Miller County has reviewed and accepted a new policy as presented by the Volunteer Fire Department Committee.
- 3) The attached 31-page document titled “Miller County Volunteer Fire Department Policy” dated October 15, 2019, is adopted as the policy for any/all Miller County Volunteer Fire Departments.
- 4) A copy of the complete policy shall be filed in the Office of the County Clerk and shall be available for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours.
([Ord. 2019-010](#), passed 10-15-2019)

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