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Article I. AMBULANCE

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900.00 Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance Services.

§ 900.00 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

1) The County Judge of Chicot County and the County Clerk of Chicot County are hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the Chicot County, interlocal governmental agreements for ambulance services with he cities of Lake Village, Dermott, and Eudora upon the terms and conditions of the interlocal government agreements.

2) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Quorum Court that access to and availability of safe, reliable ambulance service is vital to the health, safety and welfare of citizens of Chicot County, Arkansas, and to delay the implementation of the interlocal government agreements for ambulance service would potentially result in loss of life. An emergency is therefore declared to exist and this Ordinance shall, therefore, be in full force and effect from and after its passage.
(Ord. 2007-004, passed 02-27-2007; Am. Ord. 2012-003, passed 08-21-2012; Ord. 2012-004, passed 08-21-2012)

Article II. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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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.

(B) A limited fire protection district MAY 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.

Section

920.00 Territories for Various City Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire Departments in Chicot County.

§ 920.00 TERRITORIES FOR VARIOUS CITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN CHICOT COUNTY.

1) That it is necessary that the Chicot County Quorum Court designate geographical areas for the various Fire Department in Chicot County, Arkansas to ensure there is no duplication of services and further ensure funds are expended in the most efficient manner and in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Chicot County.

2) The various Municipal Fire Departments and Volunteer Fire Departments shall be assigned areas in accordance with the map hereinafter designated, and such Fire Departments shall be City of Lake Village, City of Dermott, City of Eudora, Portland, and the Rural Volunteer Fire Departments of Fawnwood and Lakeport.

3) There shall be as a part of this Ordinance a map designating the areas to be served by each of the Fire Departments herein enumerated and such map is hereby adopted by the Quorum Court as being the map designating the appropriate areas to be serviced by the various Fire Departments, and incorporated by reference as though set out herein word for word.

4) No other Fire Department in Chicot County, Arkansas, shall receive any sponsorship for grants or any funds from Chicot County for the purpose of operating a Fire Department unless specifically authorized by the Quorum Court of Chicot County and unless and until the Ordinance herein enacted is amended or modified to permit such additional Fire Departments.

5) The Quorum Court of Chicot County shall comply with all the provisions of the Arkansas Code, specifically, A.C.A § 14-20-108 and the County Judge and the appropriate designated County Fire Protection personnel shall coordinate all efforts with the Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board and the Forest Services to ensure the appropriate protection of all citizens and residents of Chicot County.

6) SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. That if any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

7) EMERGENCY CLAUSE. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare, shall be in full force and effect, from and after its date of passage and approval. (Ord. 2000-006, passed 09-21-2000)

Article IV. JUVENILE SERVICES

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