ORDINANCE NO. 1017

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD TO THE LA VISTA MUNICIPAL CODE A SECTION 31.30 PERTAINING TO THE POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. ADDITION OF SECTION 31.30. Section 31.30 is hereby added to the La Vista Municipal Code as follows:

§ 31.30 FIRE CHIEF.

(A) The Fire Chief shall have the immediate superintendence of the volunteer firefighters. The Fire Chief shall maintain the fire department in a state of readiness to promptly respond to any emergency, manmade or natural disaster, traffic or other accident, or other call for service or assistance.

(B) In accordance with the authority provided hereunder, the Fire Chief shall have the following duties and responsibilities, including but not limited to, in some cases, seeing that particular requirements or conditions are maintained:

1. Volunteer firefighters shall at all times while on duty be properly uniformed and/or equipped; when appropriate, city-provided uniforms, badges, and insignia shall be worn.

2. Equipment of the department shall be properly used and well-maintained.

3. Volunteer firefighters shall be well-informed and trained in the modern methods of fire prevention, fire suppression, fire safety education and emergency medical service.

4. Community relations programs shall be implemented from time to time as are necessary or appropriate to develop or maintain positive relationships between the fire department and the community.

5. Rules and regulations of the fire department shall be developed, promulgated, and enforced and a high level of discipline will be maintained within the department.

6. Execution of orders of the Mayor.

7. The Fire Chief shall be a member of the Board of Health.

8. The Fire Chief shall have such other duties as are assigned to or required of him or her by the Mayor and Council or otherwise provided by applicable law, rule or regulation.

SECTION 2. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances and parts of ordinances as previously enacted that are in conflict with this Ordinance or any part hereof are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Mayor and City Council of the City of La Vista hereby declare that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 16TH DAY OF JANUARY 2007.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas King, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buethe, CMC
City Clerk

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