# **RESOLUTION NO**. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ELECTED BODY OF THE (CITY/ TOWN/COUNTY) OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, TENNESSEE ADOPTING MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTERS.**

WHEREAS, in 2009, the State of Tennessee passed Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112 specifying minimum training standards for firefighters in the State of Tennessee; and,

WHEREAS, a number of cities and counties were exempted from this minimum training by this legislation based on their population; and,

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction sets certain priorities to provide for firefighter safety and provide for trained and competent firefighters and fire department to serve our community;

WHEREAS, meeting minimum training standards are essential to meeting the priorities set;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by at least a 2/3rd  majority of the elected body of the (City/Town/County) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Tennessee, that the fire department of the jurisdiction will meet, at minimum, the training requirements set in Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112 the public welfare requiring it:

Section 1. All firefighters must attend a 16‐hour initial training class developed by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy in firefighting procedures and techniques or complete equivalent training approved by the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education before being allowed to fight a fire actively.

Section 2. Every firefighter shall complete the “basic and live firefighting” course offered by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy, or an equivalent course, within three years (36 months) of joining the Fire Department.

Section 3. The following firefighters are exempt from the minimum training requirements:

**(1)**Any firefighter in the fire service on July 1, 2009, and who entered the fire service before June 30, 2004; and

**(2)**Any firefighter certified by a medical doctor who is medically or physically unable to complete the training requirements; however, the fire department may not allow these firefighters to engage in active firefighting operations.

**(3)**Any firefighter certified by the fire department's chief officer that they will not operate within an environment that is immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) is exempt from the live firefighting portion of the minimum.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective on the date it is adopted.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ month/day of 2023 by a minimum of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the governing body.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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