

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 7.05 of Chapter 542 of the Acts of Assembly of 1990, which provided a*
3 *charter for the City of Bristol and to amend Chapter 542 by repealing §§ 2.11 and 5.10, relating to*
4 *enforcement of ordinances and environs control officer.*

5 [S 777]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 7.05 of Chapter 542 of the Acts of Assembly of 1990 is amended and reenacted as**
9 **follows:**

10 § 7.05. Fire department.

11 A. Generally. - The fire department shall consist of the fire chief and such other officers and
12 employees of such ranks and grades as may be established by council. The fire department shall be
13 responsible for the protection from fire, of life and property within the city.

14 The fire department shall also operate and be responsible for the operation of the hazardous material
15 response team which shall implement the hazardous materials response plan developed by the city in
16 accordance with general laws of the Commonwealth and local laws and regulations.

17 B. Powers and duties of the fire chief. - The head of the fire department shall be the fire chief.
18 Under the supervision of the city manager, he shall be in direct command of the fire department. He
19 shall assign all members of the department to their respective posts, shifts, details and duties. He shall,
20 with the approval of the city manager, make rules and regulations in conformity with this charter and
21 the ordinances of the city concerning the operation of the department, the conduct of officers and
22 employees thereof, their uniforms, equipment and training and the penalties to be imposed for infractions
23 of such rules and regulations. The fire chief shall be responsible for the efficiency, discipline and good
24 conduct of the department. Orders of the city manager relating to the fire department shall be
25 transmitted in all cases to the fire chief or in his absence from the city or incapacity, through an officer
26 of the department designated as acting chief by the city manager. Disobedience of the lawful commands
27 of the fire chief or violation of the rules and regulations made by him with the approval of the director
28 of the Personnel Department shall be grounds for removal or other disciplinary action as provided in
29 such rules and regulations.

30 C. Fire prevention. - Fire prevention shall be the duty of the fire chief to secure the enforcement of
31 all laws and ordinances relating to fire prevention and fire safety and to issue from time to time
32 regulations having the force of law for the purpose of implementing such laws and ordinances. The
33 penalty for violation of such rules and regulations shall be as provided for by ordinance. The fire chief
34 may assign this duty to a fire inspector.

35 D. Environs control. - The council, by ordinance, may provide for a position of environs control
36 officer whose duties shall be to enforce state law and local ordinances pertaining to garbage, trash,
37 weeds, junk and litter and the Statewide Uniform Building Maintenance Code within the City of Bristol,
38 Virginia. The environs control officer shall be supervised by the Chief of the Fire Department.

39 **2. That §§ 2.11 and 5.10 of Chapter 542 of the Acts of Assembly of 1990 are repealed.**

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