

CHAPTER 13

FIRE PROTECTION

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The Village of Folsom hereby takes official cognizance of the Folsom Volunteer Fire Department and the establishment of Fire Protection District No. 5.

Section 13.2 Unlawful Acts

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to start or set any trash fire or to burn paper, grass, trash or debris where such fire is not protected by a proper furnace, incinerator or container, within the Village limits. It shall further be unlawful for any person to start or set any fire for the purpose of clearing any lot or piece of ground within the Village limits or to burn leaves, straw, and/or branches where such fire is not protected by proper surveillance and control by the person setting such fire, within the city limits.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere, meddle with, or obstruct a fireman in the discharge of his duties at a fire or on the way to a fire.

(c) It shall be unlawful to interfere with fire prevention by the intentional performance of the following acts:

(1) Defacing or destroying fire warning notices or posters.

(2) Injuring, destroying, removing or in any manner interfering with the use of any tools, equipment, towers, buildings, or telephone lines used in the detection, reporting or suppression of fire.

Section 13.3 Penalty

Whoever violates the provisions of this article shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00.

Editorial Note: L.R.S. 33:402(8) provides the general authority for municipalities to organize and maintain a fire department for

the prevention and extinguishment of fires. No distinction is made in the statute as between volunteer or paid fire departments. A fire marshal may be appointed in accordance with L.R.S. 33:402(9) who is empowered to compel persons at the scene of a fire to assist in extinguishing the fire and to aid in preserving threatened property. L.R.S. 33:402(10) gives municipalities the authority to regulate the storage of combustible materials, prevent dangerous construction, and to inspect and examine structures in furtherance of fire protection policies. The authority for municipalities to adopt standard codes is L.R.S. 33:1368-1370.