

## 4-101. TAX EXEMPTION FOR MEMBERS.

EACH BONA FIDE ACTIVE MEMBER OF ANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN SOMERSET COUNTY IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHERE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS LOCATED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 UPON THE PASSAGE OF THE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION BY THE MUNICIPALITY. (1963 Code, sec. 143; 1937, ch. 446; 1980, ch. 107; 1977 Code, sec. 37; 1988, ch. .)

## SUBTITLE 2. FIRE MARSHAL

## 4-201. OFFICE CREATED; APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, DUTIES.

(A) APPOINTMENT. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CREATE AN OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHAL FOR SOMERSET COUNTY. THE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHALL RECEIVE THE COMPENSATION SET BY THE COMMISSIONERS. THE FIRE MARSHAL MAY BE REMOVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS FOR INCOMPETENCE, NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY, OR OTHER CAUSE.

(B) INSPECTIONS. THE FIRE MARSHAL MAY INSPECT BUILDINGS OF ALL KINDS TO DISCOVER FIRE HAZARDS AND TO ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(C) REGULATIONS. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FIRE HAZARDS AND OTHER DANGERS DUE TO UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTY. THE REGULATIONS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS STRUCTURES, THE REMOVAL OF TRASH, AND THE REMOVAL OF OTHER MATERIALS WHICH MAY INCREASE FIRE HAZARDS OR INTERFERE WITH THE PROPER AND EFFICIENT OPERATION OF FIREMEN IN EXTINGUISHING FIRES OR IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF FIRES.

## (D) VIOLATIONS.

## (1) THE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL:

(I) ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION;

(II) ORDER THE REMOVAL OF ANY FIRE HAZARD AND MAKE ANY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS; AND

(III) REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS AND THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS WHO REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THE FIRE MARSHAL'S ORDERS FOR THE REPAIR AND REMOVAL OF FIRE HAZARDS.

(2) ANY PERSON ORDERED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL TO MAKE ANY REPAIRS OR IMPROVEMENTS HAS THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE