

CITY OF BRIDGETON

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON CREATING A FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT

WHEREAS, Ordinance 08-18 was adopted changing the Division of Fire to the Department of Fire, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Article V, Section 21.1 Department of Fire Paragraph D creates the Bureau of Fire Prevention; and

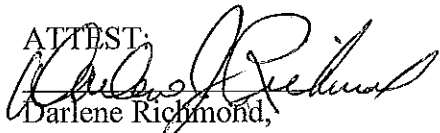
WHEREAS, the Chief of Fire and the Chief of Police recommend creating a Fire Investigation Unit under the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the purpose of assisting Police and Fire Department investigators secure grant funding and use fire prevention funds to train both police and fire investigators;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton as follows:

1. §3-21.1 (D) (4) is hereby added entitled Fire Investigation Unit. There is hereby created a Fire Investigation Unit within the City of Bridgeton Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention. Members of the unit shall be assigned by the Chief of Fire, from the full-time paid firefighters within the Fire Department and Chief of Police from police officers who are qualified in arson investigation.
2. §3-21.1 (D) (4) (a) Duties. The Fire Investigation Unit shall be responsible for investigating all fires and explosions within the jurisdiction of the City of Bridgeton, as well as any outside jurisdictions that may be established through shared service agreements.
3. §3-21.1 (D) (4) (b) Regulation and Control. The regulation and control of the Fire Investigation Unit shall be pursuant of guidelines and training criteria as directed jointly by the Chief of Police and Chief of Fire
4. §3-21.1 (D) (4) (c) Joint Arson Task Force. Within the Fire Investigation Unit, there is hereby established a Joint Arson Task Force. This shall be comprised of full-time police and fire investigators of the City of Bridgeton Police and Fire Departments assigned by their respective Chief's. The purpose of the task force is to provide for the cooperative investigation of arson, suspicious fires or explosions within the City of Bridgeton.

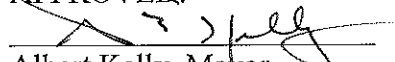
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bridgeton held on the 23 day of June, 2015

ATTEST:


Darlene Richmond,
City Clerk


Jack Surrency
Council President

APPROVED:


Albert Kelly, Mayor