

CITY OF WARD

ORDINANCE NUMBER O-2024-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE WARD FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND BEYOND THE COOPERATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WARD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED (A.C.A.) 14-53-101 gives the power of the city council to establish a fire department and provide them with engines and such other equipment as shall be necessary to extinguish fires and preserve the property of the city and the inhabitants from conflagration; and,

WHEREAS, A.C.A. 14-53-102 states that in order to prevent the destruction by fire of property located outside the corporate limits of cities and towns and in order to lessen the loss caused on account of insufficient means to combat fires and as a protection against such loss, the city council or other governing body of any city or town having an organized fire department may provide by ordinance that the firefighting machinery and equipment, with the necessary firefighters to operate it, may be used to combat fires beyond the corporate limits of any city or town, upon such terms, conditions, and restrictions as may be prescribed in the ordinance; and,

WHEREAS CITY OF WARD ORDINANCE 2021-10 reestablished the Ward Volunteer Fire Department and its organization.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD, ARKANSAS THAT;

SECTION 1 – FIRE CALLS: Notwithstanding existing and future Mutual Aid Agreements, the City of Ward Fire Department is hereby authorized to respond outside the city limits of the City of Ward as a primary response to combat fires.

SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)/RESCUE CALLS: In addition to combating fires, the City of Ward Fire Department is also hereby authorized to respond to EMS/rescue calls beyond the city limits, as requested.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY: If, for any reason, any portion or portions of this ordinance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions.

SECTION 4: EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It has been determined by the Governing Body of the City of Ward that in the interest of public health, peace and the safety of all the citizens or Ward, that an emergency is hereby declared. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon passage.


SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED ON 2-20-24.


Brooke Y, Chapman Y, Hall Y, Hefner Y, McMinn Y, Ruble Y

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 Mayor (if needed) _____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Charles Gastineau, Mayor


Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

