

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA PERTAINING TO TITLE 3 OF THE MESA CITY CODE; AMENDING SECTION 3-2-1 OF THE MESA CITY CODE, BY ADDING LANGUAGE THAT REFLECTS THE CURRENT NAME OF THE CITY'S FIRE AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AND THE EXPANDED SCOPE OF SERVICES IT PROVIDES.

WHEREAS, the City Council established the Fire Department and office of the Fire Chief via Ordinance No. 1166 on August 21, 1978, which is codified in Mesa City Code Chapter 3, Chapter 2, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department's name has changed in recent years to the Mesa Fire and Medical Department; and

WHEREAS, the scope of services provided by the Mesa Fire and Medical Department has expanded in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in concurrence with the City Manager and the Fire Chief, desire to update the City Code to reflect the current name of the Fire Department and the expanded scope of its services.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Title 3, Chapter 2, Section of the Mesa City Code, entitled "Organization" is hereby amended as follows:

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3-2-1: ORGANIZATION

THE MESA FIRE AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENT~~A regularly constituted Fire Department~~ is hereby established, and the office of the Chief of the Department is hereby created. The ~~Mesa Fire Department~~ shall consist of the Chief ~~of the Department~~ and ~~certain other classified service positions now existing, or which in the future may be~~ added or changed by **THE CITY MANAGER**, Council action, or personnel rules and regulations.

The **MESA FIRE AND MEDICAL** ~~Chief of the Fire Department~~ shall **SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH FIREFIGHTING, FIRE PREVENTION, MEDICAL RESPONSE, COMMUNITY OUTREACH, TRANSPORTATION, SPECIAL**

TEAMS (INCLUDING AIRCRAFT RESCUE, FIREFIGHTING, TECHNICAL RESCUE, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, AND WILDLAND), AND IN AREAS TO ASSIST IN SAFEGUARDING AGAINST LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO EDUCATE AND PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC TO CREATE A SAFER COMMUNITY. ~~have immediate charge of the Fire Department and all equipment belonging thereto, and shall supervise and direct said Department in fighting fires, in the prevention of fires and in all things required so as to safeguard against loss by fire.~~

THE CHIEF SHALL HAVE IMMEDIATE CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT. In the absence of the Fire Chief from duty, a command officer, designated by the Fire Chief, shall have the same authority and responsibility as the Chief ~~in the performance of his duties.~~

Section 2:RECITALS. The recitals above are fully incorporated in this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 3: SEVERABILITY: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2023.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk