

RESOLUTION NO. 144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGECREST AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 107 TO CHANGE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ELECT A VOLUNTEER CHIEF

WHEREAS the City Council heretofore adopted Resolution No. 107 adopting certain rules and regulations for the Ridgecrest Volunteer Fire Department, and

WHEREAS Section 5 of said rules and regulations provides that the Chief and Assistant Chief shall be appointed by the City Council, and

WHEREAS it is desired to change this provision so that the membership of the Department may elect such officers,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ridgecrest does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 38611 of the Government Code of the State of California, the City Council has appointed the Kern County Fire Chief as Fire Chief of the City of Ridgecrest, therefore, it shall be the duty of the Fire Chief of the City of Ridgecrest to train the Volunteers and to control fire suppression and prevention functions within the City of Ridgecrest. He shall employ the Ridgecrest Volunteer Fire Department to suppress fires, and to have complete supervision and control over the Ridgecrest Volunteer Fire Department during any training, fire suppression or fire prevention activity. The City Council hereby designates the Fire Chief of the City of Ridgecrest as the department head through whom all fire department recommendations and grievances, including those from volunteer firemen, shall be transmitted.

SECTION 2. Sections 4 and 5 of the Rules and Regulations attached to Resolution No. 107, marked Exhibit "A", and incorporated therein, are herewith amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. The City Council hereby specifies that the Ridgecrest Volunteer Fire Department may also function as a social organization for its members. As such, it may have officers of its own choosing, including a Volunteer Fire Chief, an Assistant Chief, a Secretary-Treasurer, and any other officer it names.

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