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ORDINANCE NO. 0-2002- 162

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF FIRE MARSHAL; AUTHORIZING A DIVISION CHIEF TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIRE MARSHAL; AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPAL FIRE MARSHAL TO CARRY A WEAPON AND MAKE ARRESTS FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO ARSON AND UNLAWFUL BURNING; REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Act 1157 of 1993, codified at A.C.A. § 14-53-112, authorizes cities of the first class to create by ordinance the position of fire marshal and authorizes and empowers such fire marshal to carry a weapon and make arrests for violations of the laws relating to arson and other unlawful burning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. That the Chief of the Fire Department is hereby authorized to delegate the duties and responsibilities of fire marshal to a current member of the department who holds the position of division chief.

Section 2. That the fire marshal shall be responsible for the detection and prevention of arson, the enforcement of the laws relating to arson and other burning, and enforcement of the city and state fire prevention codes.

Section 3. That the fire marshal shall have successfully completed a course of study for law enforcement officers approved by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.

**Section 4.** That the fire marshal shall have successfully completed an eighty-hour fire and arson investigation course offered by the National Fire Academy, or the Arkansas Fire Training Academy, or an equivalent course.

**Section 5.** That the fire marshal shall have completed a one-week fire safety inspection class offered by the National Fire

Academy, or the Arkansas Fire Training Academy, or an equivalent class.

That the fire marshal is hereby authorized and Section 6. empowered to carry a weapon and to make arrests for violations of the laws relating to arson and other unlawful burning.

Section 7. That any ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of that conflict.

That this ordinance is necessary for the Section 8. protection of the peace, health and safety of the citizens of Conway, and therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall go into effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 22rd day of Otober , 2002.

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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

ARRETT, CITY CLERK