

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE POLICY OF RURAL FIRE SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN, TENNESSEE

**RURAL FIRE SERVICE POLICIES
FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN**

I

The primary obligation of the fire department, including men and apparatus, will be to the Citizens and property within the corporate limits of the City of Camden.

II

Rural fire service calls will be restricted, except as otherwise provided by motion of the City Board, to property situated within a radius of five (5) miles outside the City Limits of Camden, TN. Personnel and apparatus will not be dispatched to a rural fire when, in the opinion of the Fire Chief or the Fire Commissioner, the forces are not available due to commitments to fighting a fire within the corporate limits, outside the corporate limits, or a combination of the two districts.

III

The City will not accept responsibility for damages incurred to any property due to failure to respond with men or apparatus to a rural fire call because: (1) The personnel and apparatus of the City are committed or engaged in fighting a fire at another location; (2) Fire-fighting personnel are unavailable at the time of the call; (3) Lack of a valid contract with the individual making such a call or requesting such service.

IV

The City will answer fire calls for a service fee of **\$100.00** per call, effective 9/12/22, provided that the owner maintains an interest free cash deposit with the City at all times. The City of Camden will not answer rural fire calls on oral guarantee of payment or cash deposits after alarm has been received.

V

The City will continue the policy of answering calls to properties owned by Benton County at no cost.

VI

The City will answer service calls in case of highway accident and/or fires involving lives or damage to state property at the request of the State of Tennessee Highway Patrol or properly identified persons approved by the Fire Chief.

VII

The City will answer rural fire service calls for vehicles owned by firms doing business within the corporate limits of the City of Camden under a business tax license or permit issued by the City of Camden. A fee of **\$100.00** per call, effective 9/12/22, will be billed to the owner.

VIII

The City will continue the policy of reciprocal fire-fighting service with other municipalities.

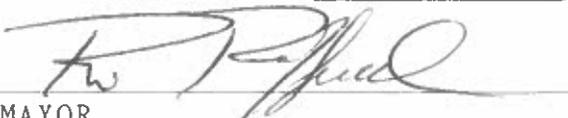
IX

In addition to the fire call fees hereinabove provided for, each person, firm, or corporation desiring rural service fire protection shall subscribe for the same and enter into a contract with the City of Camden, said contract to be subject to the provisions of this Resolution. Upon the execution of the subscription contract for Rural Fire Protection, the property owner or renter shall pay a subscription fee of **\$100.00** for a home or **\$300.00** for a business. Said subscription fee shall be paid annually and shall be due on or after the **1st day of May of each year.**

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THE CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ANSWER RURAL FIRE SERVICE CALLS THAT ARE NOT COVERED BY THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE POLICY HEREIN ADOPTED.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing Rural Fire Service Policy be and the same is hereby adopted and shall become effective as of the 28th day of April, 2025.


MAYOR


CITY RECORDER

**RURAL FIRE SERVICE
SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT**

I, _____, the undersigned, do hereby subscribe for rural fire service; subject to the terms and conditions of a resolution adopting policies on rural fire service duly approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Camden, Tennessee, at their regular meeting held on the 7th day of January, 1980, and any subsequent amendments thereto.

I am aware of the contents of the Resolution and the conditions on which fire service will be furnished to me.

The property which I own and shall be covered by the Rural Fire Service Agreement, is located at the following **service address/911 location**: _____

Description of property: **(Outside appearance only)** _____

Directions to property: _____

Covered: **Houses:** () **Mobile Homes:** () **Business:** ()

I further understand and agree that the City of Camden is not an insurer of my property. I further agree that if the City of Camden does not respond to a fire at my property for any reason, I will make no claim for damages or other compensation. In the event that the City of Camden does respond to a fire call to my property and is unable to extinguish the fire for any reason, I will make no claim for damages or other compensation.

In the event it is necessary to answer a fire call to my property or properties described above, I agree to pay a **fire call fee** of \$100.00. I am insured by _____ Insurance Company, _____, Agent, and I hereby assign to the City of Camden from the proceeds of my insurance, a sum sufficient to cover the service fee for answering such fire calls to my property.

I understand that the consideration for the agreement is a \$100.00 (\$300.00 businesses) Subscription fee. This agreement shall remain in full force and effect from the date hereof until May 1st of the ensuing year at which time the agreement shall be renewed upon the payment by me of an additional subscription fee to the City of Camden.

Signature of Subscriber

Receipt Number

Mailing Address

Coverage Dates

City/State

Amount Paid

Phone Number

By: _____