

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE,
ADOPTING MINIMUM TRAINING STANDARDS FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS
LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED CITIES OF COMO/ORE SPRINGS,
PALMERSVILLE, LATHAM/DUKEDOM, SIDONIA, AND PILLOWVILLE**

WHEREAS, in 2009 the State of Tennessee passed Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112 specifying minimum training standards for firefighters in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a number of cities and counties were exempted from this minimum training by this legislation based on their population; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction sets certain priorities to provide for firefighter safety and provide for a trained and competent fire department to serve our community; and

WHEREAS, meeting minimum training standards are essential to meeting the priorities set.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this the 26th day of May, 2020, that the volunteer fire departments of Weakley County will meet at minimum the training requirements set in Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-24-112.

SECTION 1. All firefighters must attend a 16-hour initial training class developed by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Enforcement Academy in firefighting procedures and techniques, or complete equivalent training approved by the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education, before being allowed to actively fight a fire.

SECTION 2. Every firefighter shall complete the “basic and live firefighting” course offered by the Tennessee Fire and Codes Academy, or an equivalent course, within three years of joining the Fire Department.

SECTION 3. The following firefighters are exempt from the minimum training requirements:

1. Any firefighter in the fire service on July 1, 2009, and who entered the fire service before June 30, 2004; and
2. Any firefighter who is certified by a medical doctor as medically or physically unable to complete the training requirements; however, the fire department may not allow these firefighters to engage in active firefighting operations.
3. Any firefighter who is certified by the fire department’s chief officer that they will not operate within an environment determined to be immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) is exempt from the live firefighting portion of the minimum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions of the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE COMMISSION, THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY COMMISSION:

SPONSORED BY:

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Motion made by Commissioner Pope that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Eddings.

Upon being put to a voice vote, Motion carried by a vote of

18 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Passed, and 0 Absent.

ATTESTED:

[Signature]
Kim Hughey, County Clerk

APPROVED:

[Signature]
Jake Bynum, Chairperson, County Mayor

This the 26th of May, 2020.