

**ARTICLE 18  
POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES**

**Editor's note: Listed here are two paragraphs from Article 18 relevant to the fire service. This is a small portion of the statute which should be referred to in its entirety.**

**3-18-11. Fire prevention and protection; insurance for volunteer firemen.**

A. A municipality may by ordinance:

- (1) adopt regulations for the prevention of fire;
- (2) regulate and prevent the carrying on of manufactories dangerous in causing and promoting fires;
- (3) prohibit the deposit of ashes in unsafe places;
- (4) cause any building or enclosure which is in a flammable state to be placed in a safe condition;
- (5) regulate and prevent the storage and transportation of any combustible or explosive material; and
- (6) regulate and prevent the use of illuminating flames and the building of bonfires.

B. A municipality may:

- (1) provide proper means for protection from fire;
- (2) erect fire stations and provide facilities and implements for the extinguishment of fires; and
- (3) provide for the use and management of fire stations, facilities and implements for extinguishing fires by a volunteer fire department, paid fire department or partially paid and volunteer fire department.

C. A municipality having an organized volunteer fire department may purchase with money from the fire fund an accident policy from any insurance company authorized to do business in New Mexico. The accident policy shall provide for the payment to any volunteer fireman a suitable sum for injuries and a gross sum of not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for death caused in the course of his duties as a volunteer fireman.

**History:** 1953 Comp., § 14-17-9, enacted by Laws 1965, ch. 300; 1989, ch. 346, § 12.

**3-18-11.1. Fingerprinting of fireman applicants required; authorization for municipality to communicate such information to the federal bureau of investigation.**

After July 1, 1985, anyone applying for the position of fireman in any municipality with a population of more than one hundred thousand shall provide the municipality with copies of his fingerprints. The municipality is authorized by this section to transmit copies of all fingerprints of applicant firemen to the federal bureau of investigation.

**History:** Laws 1985, ch. 121, § 1.