

ALLEN COUNTY CODE TITLE 8 PUBLIC SAFETY

ARTICLE 35 NORTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

8-35-1 Chapter 1: Name

This Ordinance shall be known as the Northwest Allen County Fire Protection District Ordinance and shall establish the Northwest Allen County Fire Protection District.

8-35-2 Chapter 2: Establishment

The Board of Commissioners pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to Ind. Code § 36-8-11-4(a) establish a Fire Protection District to include all the jurisdictional area of the Town of Hometown, unincorporated Eel River Township, unincorporated Perry Township, and unincorporated Washington Township, all of which are completely included in Allen County, Indiana.

8-35-3 Chapter 3: Purposes

The purposes of the Fire Protection District established herein shall be those purposes permitted and approved by law, and as particularly set forth in Ind. Code § 36-8-11-4(a).

8-35-4 Chapter 4: Board of Trustees

The fire district herein provided for shall be under the control and direction of a Board of Fire Trustees which Trustees must be qualified by knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to fire protection and related activities in the district. The Board of Fire Trustees shall be composed of five (5) members to be appointed as follows: One Trustee shall be appointed from each town, township or part of a township contained in the district. The fifth shall be selected at the discretion of the Commissioners subject to experience, education and availability. The original Trustees shall be appointed as follows:

- a. One (1) for a term of one (1) year.
- b. One (1) for a term of two (2) years.
- c. One (1) for a term of three (3) years.
- d. All others for a term of four (4) years.

The terms shall expire on the first Monday of January of the year their appointments expire. As the terms expire, each new appointment is for a term of four (4) years. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the county legislative body shall appoint a Trustee with the same residential qualifications to fulfill the unexpired term. The county legislative body may receive recommendations from the respective Townships of qualified candidates for placement on the Board of Fire Trustees.

8-35-5 Chapter 5: Officers

Annually at the January meeting, or in the case of the original Board at the time of their first meeting, the members of the Board of Fire Trustees shall elect among themselves a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The members shall establish their own by-laws for operating the fire district.

8-35-6 Chapter 6: Duties

The Board of Fire Trustees and the Fire Protection District shall have the duties, responsibilities, and authority as provided for under Indiana Code § 36-8-11, *et. seq.*

8-35-7 Chapter 7: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective as of the date of passage.

Adopted December 16, 2022