

MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 818

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.96.010 ENTITLED "DEPARTMENT CREATED--DEPARTMENT HEAD", SECTION 2.96.020 ENTITLED "SALARY AND BENEFITS", SECTION 2.96.040 ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AND DUTIES", AND SECTION 2.96.050 ENTITLED "FIELD LINE AUTHORITY" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.96.060 AND A NEW SECTION 2.96.070 TO CHAPTER 2.96 ENTITLED "MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT" AND RENUMBERING AND AMENDING EXISTING SECTION 2.96.060

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to designate an individual or individuals to be in charge of all field operations of the Mariposa County Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires that the County of Mariposa enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with each Volunteer Fire Department within the County in order that they provide manpower for fighting fires and other emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to consider members of the Volunteer Fire Departments as Mariposa County employees for the purpose of County policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Chapter 2.96 entitled "Mariposa County Fire Department" shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Chapter 2.96

MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sections:

- 2.96.010 Department created--Department head: Consolidation with the Emergency Services Officer.
- 2.96.020 Salary and benefits.
- 2.96.030 Staff.
- 2.96.040 Administrative powers and duties.
- 2.96.050 Field line authority.
- 2.96.060 Volunteers to provide manpower.
- 2.96.070 Volunteers as County employees.
- 2.96.080 Personnel and equipment.

2.96.010 Department created--Department head:

Consolidation with the Emergency Services Officer.

There is hereby created, in and for the County of Mariposa, the Mariposa County Fire Department. This department shall be directed by the county fire warden who shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, shall be a department head, and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of supervisors, and may be removed from office by majority vote of the board at any time, with or without cause. The board of supervisors may consolidate the offices of County Fire Warden and County Emergency Services Officer.

2.96.020 Salary and benefits.

The compensation of the county fire warden, if any, shall be established by resolution by the board of supervisors; benefits, if any, shall be established by resolution by the board of supervisors.

2.96.030 Staff.

The number of staff, if any, and the compensation for staff, if any, shall be established by resolution by the board of supervisors.

2.96.040 Administrative powers and duties.

The county fire warden shall be responsible to the board of supervisors for: 1) implementing policy established by the board of supervisors for the administration of the department, 2) preparing and presenting to the board of supervisors an annual budget for the operation of the department, 3) charging and collecting fees for fire department services as established by the board of supervisors, 4) preparing and presenting for board consideration all issues relating to the operation of the fire department of the county.

2.96.050 Field line authority.

The board of supervisors shall by resolution designate the person or persons to be in charge of all fire-related field operations.

2.96.060 Volunteers to provide manpower.

The fire warden may execute agreements with individuals within the county to serve as volunteers. Volunteer fire fighters shall meet all employment standards as provided pursuant to the classification of "Volunteer Firefighter" as adopted by the board of supervisors from time to time; must meet medical standards as determined by the County Health Officer based upon Board adopted criterion; and must maintain proficiency to the standards of the County and to the satisfaction of the fire warden in fire fighting, medical response, and related skills.

2.96.070 Volunteers as county employees.

Recognized members of volunteer fire companies shall be considered Mariposa County employees for purposes of Mariposa

County Fire Department policy matters, and shall be issued appropriate identification. Volunteers shall be covered by the County's worker's compensation insurance for injuries suffered while acting as a volunteer fireman on behalf of the County. Volunteers shall not be paid.

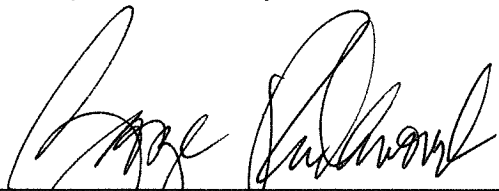
2.96.080 Personnel and equipment.

A county is not obligated to provide a county fire department, county fire warden or fire chief or any firefighting personnel and/or equipment. Mariposa County will provide personnel and equipment to the department based upon the financial ability of the county to so provide as determined by the board of supervisors. (Ord. 687 Sec.1, 1987).

**SECTION II:** This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final passage pursuant to Government Code Section 25123.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 19th day of November, 1991 by the following vote:

AYES:	BAGGETT, PUNTE, RADANOVICH, TABER
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	ERICKSON
ABSTAINED:	NONE

  
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 GEORGE P. RADANOVICH, Chairman  
 Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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 MARGIE WILLIAMS  
 Clerk of the Board

  
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 JEFFREY G. GREEN  
 County Counsel