## **BYLAWS**

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# YORK AREA UNITED FIRE & RESCUE

## ARTICLE ONE

1.01. <u>Purposes and Powers</u>. York Area United Fire & Rescue (the "Department") is organized exclusively to provide comprehensive, quality fire protection for its Participating Municipalities in the most efficient manner.

# ARTICLE TWO

2.01. <u>Location of Commission</u>. The primary location of the Commission is 1502 Mt. Zion Road, York, Pennsylvania 17402.

## ARTICLE THREE

# 3.01. Function of Representatives.

- (a) The business, property and affairs of the Department shall be managed and controlled under the direction of its Commission. All powers of the Department may be exercised by or under authority of the Commission.
- (b) The Commission shall have the express authority to carry out activities as more fully outlined in the York Area United Fire & Rescue Charter Agreement dated September 6, 2007, as amended, (the "Charter Agreement") and the limitations of authority stated therein.
  - (d) Commission members shall serve without compensation.
- (e) The Commission shall ensure that the Department provides comprehensive, quality fire protection for its Participating Municipalities in the most efficient and cost effective manner.
- 3.02. <u>Number of Commission Members</u>. The number of Commission Members shall be established and controlled by the Charter Agreement.

# 3.03. Qualifications and Term of Office.

- (a) The qualifications and term of office for Commission Members shall be established by the Charter Agreement. Each Commission Member shall be a member of the Commission until the expiration of his or her term or until the occurrence of any of the following events prior thereto:
  - (1) Receipt by the Commission of the written resignation of such Commission Member, executed by such Commission Member or his or her duly authorized attorney-in-fact.
  - (2) His or her death or removal, with or without cause.
  - (3) The disability or incapacity of such Commission Member.
  - (4) In the case of the citizen at large Commission Member, a change of residency outside a Charter Municipality.
  - (5) In the case of an elected official filling a mandatory appointment pursuant to Article V, Section D of the Charter Agreement, upon the Commission Member no longer holding the elected office related to said appointment.
- 3.04. <u>Meetings</u>. The Commission shall meet at an advertised scheduled meeting, each month, for the purpose of conducting official business, or at such other times as may be determined by motion of the Commission. The first meeting of each year shall be the reorganization meeting for the purpose of electing officers and otherwise conducting reorganization business.
- 3.05. Call of Special or Rescheduled Meetings. A special meeting or rescheduled regular meeting of the Commission may be called by either:
  - (a) The Chair; or
  - (b) Written request of two or more Commission Members.
- 3.06. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. The call or request for a Special or rescheduled regular meeting of the Commission shall state the purpose of the meeting and be given to Commission Members at least one day prior to the day named for the meeting
- 3.07. Quorum of Commission. A majority of the Commission Members in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the acts of a majority of the Commission Members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the Commission, unless a greater number is required under any provision of the Charter Agreement or these Bylaws.

3.08. <u>Meeting Minutes</u>. The Commission shall maintain an accurate record of the minutes of meetings, regular or special, and such other records, as it deems necessary and appropriate. Such minutes and records shall, at reasonable times, be open for public inspection. A copy of the minutes of all meetings will be forwarded to each of the Participating Municipalities.

## ARTICLE FOUR

- 4.01. Roster of Officers. The officers of the Commission shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and Secretary /Treasurer, and such other officers as set forth in the Charter Agreement. Duties of the officers shall be as prescribed by Roberts Rules of Order, Revised or as modified by any duly adopted bylaw of the Commission.
- 4.02. <u>Selection of Officers</u>. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of this Commission will be elected by the Commission Members, each for a one (1) year term. Officers will remain in office until the end of such term or until a successor to such office has been selected and qualified. Such election will take place at the first regular meeting of each year of the Commission.

## ARTICLE FIVE

5.01. Fiscal Management. The Commission shall prepare a draft of the Department's annual budget for consideration no later than September 1 of the year proceeding the budget year in accordance with Article VII of the Charter Agreement. The budget shall include a detailed line item allocation for the various revenue and expense items anticipated for the budget year along with a five (5) year capital expenditure and financing plan. The budget shall provide for the most cost effective method of providing fire services to the Participating Municipalities maintaining the overall fiscal management and oversight of the Department. All budget increases shall be analyzed by the Commission to ensure that they are a necessary expense and specifically related to the goals and objectives of the Department.

# ARTICLÉ SIX

6.01. <u>Conflict</u>. In the event there is any conflict between the terms, conditions or authority set forth herein and the Charter Agreement, the Charter Agreement shall prevail.

# ARTICLE SEVEN

7.01. Amendments to the Bylaws. Subject to statutory limitations, any provision contained in these Bylaws may be altered or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission Members in office and present at any regular or special meeting of the Commission at which a quorum is present throughout. Any change in these Bylaws shall take effect when adopted unless otherwise provided in the resolution effecting the change. A written summary of the substance of each proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Commission shall be set forth in a written notice of the meeting prior to the scheduled meeting date at which time such proposed changes are to be considered for approval.

ADOPTED by the York Area United Fire and Rescue Commission, York County, Pennsylvania, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008.

ATTEST:

YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION

John Fullmer, Secretary

William H. Schenck, III, Chairmar