## ORDINANCE NO. 199

## AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BARLING, ARKANSAS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the City of Barling, Arkansas:

WHEREAS, the City of Barling adopted Ordinance No. 11 on the 16th day of June, 1964, establishing a Volunteer Fire Department.

WHEREAS, the City of Barling has changed significantly since the enactment of Ordinance No. 11 and the Volunteer Department has been greatly enlarged since the passage of that Ordinance,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 11 has become outdated.

SECTION 1: The Volunteer Fire Department shall include the offices of Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, and other officers as the Fire Chief may deem necessary for the effective operation of the Department. The selection of all members of the Volunteer Fire Department, shall be the responsibility of the Personnel Committee and the Fire Chief. The selection of all officers shall be the responsibility of the Fire Chief. The selection of members and officers must be approved by the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board following selection by the Fire Chief. No person shall be considered a member, or officer, until approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: Individual qualifications for the position of Fire Chief shall be reviewed by the Mayor and City Administrator and recommendation made to the Board of Directors. The appointment shall be affirmed by the Board of Directors. The Fire Chief will serve at the will of the Board of Directors. If the Fire Chief should be removed from office, that person shall have a right to appear before the Board of Directors, upon request in writing to the City Administrator, and the board shall hear all relevant evidence to determine if the removal should be sustained.

SECTION 3: The members and officers of the Volunteer Fire Department, serve at the will of the Fire Chief and the Board of Directors. In the event a member or officer is removed from the Department by the Fire Chief or the Board, that person shall have a right to appear before the board, upon request in writing to the City Administrator, and the Board shall hear all relevant evidence to determine whether the member or officer should be removed from membership or office in the Volunteer Fire Department.

SECTION 4: The members of the Volunteer Fire Department are required to offer their services without compensation. The Board of Directors may, however, fix a rate of compensation for any member as it determines appropriate.

SECTION 5: Ordinance No. 11, in its entirety is hereby repealed.

ATTEST:

JERRY BARLING, Mayor

MYRA MONCHAMP, City Clerk