



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 459

HOUSE BILL NO. 488

By Representative Lollar

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1257

By Senator Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 19, relative to authorizing a fee to fund municipal fire departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-19-101, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b)

(1) In addition to the general powers provided in subsection (a), any city incorporated under chapters 18-22 of this title may, upon the adoption of an ordinance by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the board of commissioners, impose a fee for the specific purpose of raising revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of a municipal fire station and fire department and for no other purpose.

(2) Any city establishing a fee under this subsection (b) shall provide in the ordinance a system for the collection and enforcement of fees authorized and imposed pursuant to this subsection.

(3) The amount of the fee shall initially be set by the city in the ordinance imposing the fee. The ordinance may provide for a means of increasing and decreasing the fee as determined by the board of commissioners. After the construction of the fire station for which the fee is initially imposed, the city shall reduce the fee to reflect only the cost of maintenance of the fire station or operation of the municipal fire department unless additional fire stations are needed.

(4) If a city imposing a fee under this subsection (b) is in a county that imposes a fire fee:


(A) The fees established under this subsection (b) shall not be set in excess of the rates imposed by the county at the time the city adopts the ordinance pursuant to subdivision (b)(1); and

(B) The county shall not collect the fire fee from residents after the date the city adopts the ordinance pursuant to subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 9, 2017



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 25th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR