

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING
SECTION 5-2-35 OF THE
HARRISONBURG CITY CODE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG,
VIRGINIA:**

That Section 5 - 2 - 3 5 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Sec. 5-2-35. - Fire chief—Appointment; duties; term of office.

- (a) The fire chief shall be appointed by the city manager and shall serve at the pleasure and direction of the city manager.
- (b) The fire chief shall be responsible for all aspects of life safety as it relates to fires, entrapment and rescue situations. At the scene of any fire or life-threatening incident, the fire chief, or his designee, shall assume command and exercise control over the operation.
- (c) The fire chief is hereby appointed to serve as the fire official as that term is used from time to time in the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (the Code), as the fire marshall as set forth in Code Section 27-30 et seq., as the hazardous materials coordinator as set forth in Code Section 44-146.34 et seq., and as the coordinator of emergency management as set forth in Code Section 44-146.13 et seq.; and is authorized to and shall exercise all of the powers and carry out the duties enunciated therein.

(d) The fire chief is empowered to appoint one (1) or more assistant fire marshals, who, in the absence of the fire marshal, shall have the powers and perform the duties of the fire marshal.

This ordinance shall be effective the ____ day of _____, 2017. Adopted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTESTE:

DEPUTY CITY CLERK