

**Sec. 2-172. - Board of fire commissioners.**

- (a) *Created.* There is hereby created a board of fire commissioners consisting of five citizens, three of which shall constitute a quorum.
- (b) *Appointment.* The first five commissioners shall be appointed by the village president, subject to confirmation by the village board and shall hold office for one, two, three, four or five years respectively. Thereafter, the village president shall annually, between the last Monday in April and the first Monday in May, appoint in writing to be filed with the secretary of the board, one member for a term of five years, subject to confirmation by the village board. No appointments may be made which will result in more than three members of the board belonging to the same political party.
- (c) *Officers.* At its first meeting after its creation and thereafter at its first meeting after January 1 each year, the commission shall choose from its members a chairperson to preside at its meetings, a vice chairperson to act in the absence of the chairperson, and a secretary.
- (d) *Meetings.* The commission shall hold meetings as necessary at the village hall in order to conduct and/or expedite the operations of the commission or the department.
- (e) *Duties and responsibilities.* The commission shall have the duties and responsibilities as set forth in Wis. Stats. § 62.13, except for optional powers contained in Wis. Stats. § 62.13(6). Generally, these duties and responsibilities shall include the following authority to:
  - (1) Appoint, suspend or remove the chief of the fire department.
  - (2) Approve all appointments made by the fire chief, including the promotion of subordinates.
  - (3) Adopt, modify and repeal rules governing how lists of individuals concluded to be eligible for appointments and promotion are established.
  - (4) Approve competitive examinations used to judge suitability for appointment or promotion.
  - (5) Approve each list of individuals determined to be eligible for appointment and promotion.
  - (6) Suspend the fire chief or subordinates pending the filing and hearing of charges against them.
  - (7) Initiate charges against the fire chief or a subordinate.
  - (8) Hear charges filed against the fire chief or a subordinate, make findings, and determinations, and impose penalties.
  - (9) Hear appeals of disciplinary actions taken by the fire chief against any subordinate.
  - (10) Adopt rules governing the commission's management of its own activities.
- (f) The village board may provide compensation to members of the commission as it so determines.