



# VKLM - Fire Brigade Services By-Law

## Walkthrough



### Part 1

#### Introduction to the page content:

This page will be discussing parts of the By-Law, per section. Where it is felt necessary to explain in more detail, or refer to examples, it will also be done on this page.

For you to understand the contents better please download the draft By-Law from the Main Home Page([www.vklmfire.co.za](http://www.vklmfire.co.za)) for reference. Due to the size of the By-Law, it will not be displayed in full here.

For today please familiarize yourself with the structure of the By-Law to understand how it flows and where to find information quickly

The By-Law is divided into eleven (11) Parts, which have different sections within each Part;

Part I	Definitions
Part II	Administrative Provisions & Organization of the Service
Part III	Fire Protection and Fire Fighting
Part IV	Hazardous Substances
Part V	Construction of vehicles, as well as Transportation and Transport Permits
Part VI	Storerooms for Hazardous Substances
Part VII	Spray-painting matters and Spray-painting Permits
Part VIII	Animals
Part IX	Penalties
Part X	General
Part XI	Annexures

## BY-LAW STRUCTURE

### Part I Definitions

This Part is self-explanatory and refers to the definitions of terms used within the By-Law as well as acronyms used.

### Part II Administrative Provisions, Organisation of the Service

This Part refers to the logistics related to the Service.

Under **General** it refers to the establishment of a Fire Brigade Service by the Municipal Council and sets out the powers and duties of members of the Service, the regulation around the Chief Fire Officer and the Service.

**Driving Fire Brigade Vehicles** is a policy statement regulating who are authorized to drive Fire Fighting Vehicles and the regulation thereof

**Procedure and Duties during an Emergency Situation** regulates what the duties of the member assuming control is required to implement during an emergency and the procedure for obtaining information related to an emergency incident that occurred as well as regulating media relations.

**Pretending to be a Member of the Fire Brigade Service** stipulates clearly that no person other than appointed members of the Service may wear any form of uniform or insignia of the Service, or falsely represent him or herself as being a member of the Service or representing the Service is guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with accordingly.

**Powers of Members and Designated Officers** regulates the powers and functions of authorized members of the service

**Making Fire Brigade Equipment and Manpower Available** regulates that with Council approval, certain functions and manpower could be made available at a tariff determined by Council and which is noted under the Annexures.

*Parts III to IX will be dealt with separately as they are the core of the Fire Brigade Services By-law.*

**Part X - General** notes the relation between this By-law and other laws, also states the repeal of previous By-Laws related to the Council's area of jurisdiction and provides a short title representing this By-law.

**Part XI - Annexures:**

Within the Annexures there are sub-divisions for the regulation of policy and administrative processes within the Service.

**Annexure I - Tariffs:** This Annexure provides a list of fees payable to the Fire Department in terms of Section 10 of the Fire Brigade Services Act for provision of the service and this list have a tariff set against it within the Municipal Annual Budgeted tariffs, which are updated on an annual basis during the Municipal budget process.

**Annexure II** - Official Documents set the templates of the official documents used within the Fire Brigade for certain functions as set within the By-law.

**Annexure III** - Provides a template and guideline for businesses who require emergency evacuation plans as well as the regulation thereof.

**Annexure IV** - Provides the requirements for documentation that must be kept in the Orange emergency documents box on vehicles transporting Hazardous materials and Dangerous Goods.

**Annexure V** - Provides the Normative list. This list is the reference to any other legislation as well as regulations and Codes of Practice used to formulate the By-Law.

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For now, we will pause here for all to absorb the information.

This is very important information as this is where it affects you as community in terms of safety.

These next parts will be discussing the sections more broadly.