

**Effective 1/1/2017**

**11-7-1 Cooperation with other governmental units -- Burning permits -- Contracts.**

- (1) The governing body of every incorporated municipality and the board of commissioners or county council of every county shall:
  - (a) provide adequate fire protection within their own territorial limits; and
  - (b) cooperate with all contiguous counties, municipal corporations, private corporations, fire districts, state agencies, or federal governmental agencies to maintain adequate fire protection within their territorial limits.
- (2) Every incorporated municipality and every county may:
  - (a) require that persons obtain a burning permit before starting a fire on any forest, wildland urban interface, brush, range, grass, grain, stubble, or hay land, except that a municipality or county may not require a burning permit for the burning of fence lines on cultivated lands, canals, or irrigation ditches, provided that the individual notifies the nearest fire department of the approximate time that the burning will occur;
  - (b) maintain and support a fire-fighting force or fire department for its own protection;
  - (c) contract to furnish fire protection to any proximate county, municipal corporation, private corporation, fire district, state agency, or federal agency;
  - (d) contract to receive fire protection from any contiguous county, municipal corporation, private corporation, fire district, state agency, or federal governmental agency;
  - (e) contract to jointly provide fire protection with any contiguous county, municipal corporation, private corporation, fire district, state agency, or federal governmental agency; or
  - (f) contract to contribute toward the support of a fire-fighting force, or fire department in any contiguous county, municipal corporation, private corporation, fire district, state agency, or federal governmental agency in return for fire protection.

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