MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 849

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 2.96 OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY CODE
BY CHANGING "FIRE WARDEN" TO "FIRE CHIEF"

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 818 on November 19, 1991 designating an individual, namely a fire warden, to be in charge of all field operations of the Mariposa County Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 92-292 changed the title of "fire warden" to "fire chief", and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to be consistent with the Resolution by amending certain portions of Chapter 2.96 of the Mariposa County Code, which was affected by Ordinance 818, by changing the title of "fire warden" to "fire chief";

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I: Section 2.96.010 entitled "Department created" of Chapter 2.96 shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2.96.010 Department created--Department head: Consolidation with the Emergency Services Officer.
There is hereby created, in and for the County of Mariposa, the Mariposa County Fire Department. This department shall be directed by the county fire chief who shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, shall be a department head, and shall serve at the pleasure of the board of supervisors, and may be removed from office by majority vote of the board at any time, with or without cause. The board of supervisors may consolidate the offices of County Fire Chief and County Emergency Services Officer."

SECTION II: Section 2.96.020 entitled "Salary and benefits" of Chapter 2.96 shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2.96.020 Salary and benefits.
The compensation of the county fire chief, if any, shall be established by resolution by the board of supervisors; benefits, if any, shall be established by resolution by the board of supervisors."
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SECTION III: Section 2.96.040 entitled "Administrative powers and duties" of Chapter 2.96 shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2.96.040 Administrative powers and duties.
The county fire chief shall be responsible to the board of supervisors for: 1) implementing policy established by the board of supervisors for the administration of the department, 2) preparing and presenting to the board of supervisors an annual budget for the operation of the department, 3) charging and collecting fees for fire department services as established by the board of supervisors, 4) preparing and presenting for board consideration all issues relating to the operation of the fire department of the county."

SECTION IV: Section 2.96.060 entitled "Volunteers to provide manpower" of Chapter 2.96 shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"2.96.060 Volunteers to provide manpower.
The fire chief may execute agreements with individuals within the county to serve as volunteers. Volunteer fire fighters shall meet all employment standards as provided pursuant to the classification of "Volunteer Firefighter" as adopted by the board of supervisors from time to time; must meet medical standards as determined by the County Health Officer based upon Board adopted criterion; and must maintain proficiency to the standards of the County and to the satisfaction of the fire chief in fire fighting, medical response, and related skills."

SECTION V: Section 2.96.080 entitled "Personnel and equipment" of Chapter 2.96 shall be amended in its entirety as follows:

"2.96.080 Personnel and equipment.
A county is not obligated to provide a county fire department, county fire chief or any firefighting personnel and/or equipment. Mariposa County will provide personnel and equipment to the department based upon the financial ability of the county to so provide as determined by the board of supervisors."

SECTION VI: This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after final passage pursuant to Government Code Section 25123.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 26th day of January, 1993 by the following vote:

AYES: BAGGETT, BALMAIN, ERICKSON, PARKER, TABER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board

JEFFREY G. GREEN
County Counsel