

**ORD-3585**

1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-2  
2 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO  
3 LIABILITY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN  
4 FIGHTING CERTAIN FIRES

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6 SECTION AMENDED: § 12-2

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,  
9 VIRGINIA:

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11 That Section 12-2 of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is hereby  
12 amended and reordained to read as follows:

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14 **Sec. 12-2. - Liability for expenses incurred in fighting certain fires.**

15 Any person who negligently, carelessly or intentionally, ~~without using reasonable care~~  
16 and precaution to prevent its escape, starts a ~~sets any woods or marshes on fire which~~  
17 burns on forestland, brushland or wasteland or burns property of any kind, or sets fire to  
18 any stubble, brush, straw, or any other substance capable of spreading fire on lands,  
19 whereby the property of another is damaged or jeopardized, shall be guilty of a Class 4  
20 misdemeanor, in addition to any other penalty imposed by the provisions of this Code and  
21 other ordinances of the city, and shall be liable for the full amount of all expenses incurred  
22 by the city in fighting or extinguishing such fire.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 2019.