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Reference Number: CTAS-944

T.C.A. § 12-3-1206 (formerly § 12-3-1010) states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, a county, municipality, and metropolitan government may transfer the ownership of assets for fire protection purchased through or with the proceeds of federal, state or local grants to volunteer fire departments within such county, municipality or metropolitan area; provided, that such volunteer fire departments are registered as non-profit organizations with the office of the secretary of state. This section shall have no effect in a county, municipality or metropolitan area unless it is approved by the appropriate legislative body." The application of this statute is discussed in *Op. Tenn. Att'y Gen. 07-87* (6/5/07).

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