

RELATING TO PREVENTION OF FIRE AND INSPECTION OF

PREMISES BY FIRE DEPARTMENT. *and declaring an emergency*

ORDINANCE NUMBER 42 A

The City of Warren has ordered as follows

SECTION-1-

It shall be the duty of the chief of the fire department to inspect or cause to be inspected by fire department officers or members, as often as may be necessary but not less than twice a year in outlying, and four times a year in the closely built portions of the city, all buildings, premises and public thoroughfares for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire, or any violations of the provisions or intent of this or any ordinance of the city affecting the fire hazard.

Whenever any officer or member shall find in any building or upon any premises or other place, combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulation of rubbish or unnecessary accumulation of waste paper, boxes, shavings, or any other highly inflammable materials especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger property, or shall find obstructions to or on fire escapes stairs, passageways, doors or windows liable to interfere with the operations of the fire department or egress of occupants in case of fire, he shall order the same to be removed or ~~revised~~ remedied and such order shall forthwith be complied with by the owner or occupant of such premises or buildings, subject to appeal within twenty-four hours to the Mayor, who shall within ten days review such order and file his decision thereon, and unless the order is revoked or modified it shall remain in full force and be obeyed by such owner or occupant.

Any owner or occupant failing to comply with such order within ten days after such appeal shall have been determined, or if no appeal is taken, then within ten days after the service of said order, shall be liable to a penalty as hereinafter stated.

The service of any such order shall be made upon the occupant of the premises to whom it is directed by either delivering a true copy of the same to such occupant personally, or by delivering the same to and leaving it with any person in charge of the premises or in case of no such person found upon the premises by affixing a copy thereof in a conspicuous place on the door to the entrance of said premises/. Whenever it may be necessary to serve such an order upon the owner of premises, such order may be served either by delivering to and leaving with the said person a true copy of said order, or if such owner is absent from the jurisdiction of the officer making the order by mailing such copy to the owner's last known postoffice address.

SECTION-2-

SPARK ARRESTORS ON STEAM ENGINES. It shall be ^{un}lawful to run a steam engine, unless said smoke stack be equipped with a spark arrester, to be approved by the chief of the fire department, whenever said chief shall consider it necessary for the protection and safety of the surrounding property.

SECTION-3-

ASHES IN WOODEN RECEPTACLES. It shall be ^{un}lawful to deposit any ashes, or cause the same to be deposited or placed, or permit or suffer the same to be or remain in any wooden vessel or receptacle, or any combustible material; but said ashes shall be placed and kept in some vessel or receptacle of galvanized iron or other un-inflammable material and not less than two inches from any woodwork or deposited on the ground not less than 25 feet from any wooden building or structure.

SECTION -4- INFLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE WASTE MATERIAL TO BE ~~DEPOSITED~~

DEPOSED DAILY. Any person making using or having the charge or control of ashes, hay, straw, sacks, bags, litter or any other inflammable waste material or fragments, shall at the close of each day cause the same to be securely disposed of or removed so as to be safe from fire.

SECTION-5- RECEPTACLES TO BE INCOMBUSTIBLE All receptacles for waste, rags, paper and other substance liable by spontaneous combustion to cause fire must be made of incombustible material.

SECTION-6-

INFLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL NOT TO OBSTRUCT

PASSAGEWAYS. No ~~explos~~ explosive or inflammable compound or combustible material of any kind shall be kept, stored or placed near any doorway or stairway of any building or used in such place or manner as to obstruct or render egress hazardous in case of fire.

SECTION-7-

ROOF TO BE KEPT CLEARED. It shall be unlawful to allow or permit to remain upon any roof any accumulation of paper, hay, moss or any inflammable or combustible rubbish or material.

SECTION-8-

THROWING BURNING MATERIAL FROM BUILDING. It shall be unlawful to throw from any building a lighted cigar, cigarette or anything that is on fire so that the same will fall over or upon the street or sidewalk or property adjacent thereto; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any person throwing from windows the contents of a building which is on fire.

SECTION-9-

THROWING BURNING MATERIAL WHERE FIRE HAZARD EXISTS:

"NO SMOKING" SIGNS It shall be unlawful to throw a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe ashes or anything that is on fire, on streets or lots where there is grass or any other inflammable material or on premises where " No Smoking " signs are posted, and the owner of any mill, factory or place where a fire hazard exists, shall post in conspicuous places " No Smoking " signs or notices in such positions that they may be plainly read and it shall be unlawful to carry a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or anything that is on fire on premises where a fire hazard is known to exist.

SECTION-10-

BONFIRES FORBIDDEN WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMIT. No person shall light or kindle a bonfire or any fire for the purpose of consuming waste material in the open air, within the limits of the city of Warrenton regardless of whether the same be lighted on a public street or other public ground, or on private property, without first having obtained a written permit so to do, signed by the chief of the fire

department, who shall in all cases when requested so to do, grant permits therefor, excepting where in his judgment the kindling of such fires would endanger the safety of life or property.

SECTION-11-

DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS. It shall be unlawful to discharge, fire or use any firecrackers, rockets, torpedo, ~~xxxx~~ roman candle or other fireworks or substances designated and intended for pyrotechnic display or any ~~xxxx~~ ornance, gun, pistol, rifle, cane cannon or other appliance using blank cartridges, or caps containing chloride of potash mixture, or any other form of explosive. Provided, that the Mayor or Council may order the public display of fireworks by properly qualified individuals under supervision of experts in handling of fireworks; provided also, that such display shall be of such character and so located and conducted as in the opinion of the chief of the fire department shall not be hazardous to surrounding property or endanger any persons.

It shall be unlawful to sell any fireworks at retail, or to stores or to sell any fireworks at wholesale except by permit from the Mayor issued for a period of one year. Application for permit must be filed with the chief of the fire department at least 30 days previous to the using thereof, and must give a detailed description of the proposed care and storage of said material and of the structural conditions and occupancies of the building. Permits may be issued only after an inspection of the premises by the fire chief, who shall file with the Mayor a certificate of approval or of his disapproval and reasons therefor. The chief of the fire department may at his discretion remove or have removed at the owner's expense all stocks of fireworks or other combustibles exposed for sale or held in stock in violation of this section.

SECTION-12-

CLEANLINESS OF STREETS, ALLEYS AND PREMISES.)a) No person or persons shall allow to remain longer than thirty-six hours, or over night, in any alley, or on any sidewalk or premises, within 30 feet

of any building, empty boxes, barrels, rubbish, trash, waste paper, excelsior or other combustible materials. (b) No person shall keep or permit to be kept on the premises any oily waste or oily rags, unless at ~~all~~ all times when not actually in use, such oily waste and oily rags be kept in a metal can with self closing cover and riveted joints, standing on metal legs which raise the bottom of the container at least five inches above the floor.

SECTION-13-

REGULATING GARAGES. (a) No person shall hereafter construct, lease or occupy a building a public garage unless the same be a fire proof building. This does not apply to buildings now in use as a public garage until the present lease expires. There shall at all times be maintained in every such building used for the aforesaid purpose One (1) chemical fire extinguisher of not less than two and one-half ($2\frac{1}{2}$) gallons capacity where the floor space is less than two thousand (2000) square feet, and One (1) additional chemical fire extinguisher for every additional two thousand (2000) square feet of floor space used for such purpose. No part of any building which is used as a hotel apartment house, rooming house or lodging house, shall be used a public garage,

(b) GARAGE REGULATIONS. No smoking shall be allowed inside any room used as a ^{public} garage. Sand shall be kept in iron buckets in all garages. Every public garage of two thousand (2000) square feet of area or less, shall also have on hand at all times One (1) additional barrel for every Four thousand (4000) additional feet of area; placed in different parts of the main floor and ^{repair} ~~repair~~ shop; each barrel to contain an iron scoop, with which to throw sand ~~on~~ on a gasoline or oil fire, also for absorbing waste oil that may fall upon the floor; such sand when saturated shall be removed from the building. the use of sawdust for absorbing oils in any garage is strictly prohibited.

SECTION-14-

That any person or persons violating any of the sections of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon

conviction thereof before the Police Judge shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or by imprisonment in the City Jail not less than five nor more than thirty days in the discretion of the court for each and every offense.

SECTION -15-

All Ordinances in so far as they are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION-16-

Inasmuch as the objects to be obtained by this Ordinance will be of great benefit to the people of the City of Warrenton and there exists and is an urgent necessity that this Ordinance should take effect as soon as possible so that the health, peace and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Warrenton may be preserved an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Section therefor shall take effect when approved by the affirmative vote of all of the Commissioners of the City of Warrenton and this Ordinance shall then be in full force and operative immediately after its passage and ~~approval~~ approval by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton.

Passed by the Common Council this 16th day of October A.D. 1923.

Approved by the Mayor this 16th day of October A.D. 1923

ATTEST:

Sidney Campbell
Auditor and Police Judge.

W.C. Missine
Mayor.