

ORDINANCE NO. 318.

PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTING COMPANY, WITH A PAID CHIEF ENGINEER; AUTHORIZING FEE FOR TRANSPORTING FIRE-FIGHTING APPARATUS TO SCENE OF FIRE BY MOTOR VEHICLE; PROVIDING PUNISHMENT FOR PERSONS INTERFERING WITH FIRE-FIGHTERS WHILE ON DUTY AND FOR MEMBERS OF COMPANY WHO WILFULLY REFUSE TO DO THEIR DUTY DURING A FIRE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That there be, and there hereby is, organized a volunteer fire department, or company, of the City of Warrenton, ^{composed of 10 or more members,} with such powers and duties as may be authorized by the Fire & Water Committee

~~of \$5.00 shall be paid any person quickly transporting the city's fire-fighting apparatus to the scene of a fire by motor vehicle.~~ hereinafter referred to as the Committee. That a fee

Section 2. That said fire department shall be headed by a Chief Engineer, to be nominated by the Mayor and appointed by the Common Council, whose term of office shall be at the pleasure of the Council, except that it must terminate at the expiration of the Mayor's term of office, and said Chief Engineer shall be paid a ^{Quarterly} ~~monthly~~ salary of \$25⁰⁰, to be paid out of the funds, in the manner, and at the time, that other salaried officers ~~and employees~~ of the City are paid.

Section 3. That in addition to such other duties as may be prescribed for said Chief Engineer by said Committee, he shall keep such fire-fighting apparatus and alarms as the City may have in good repair and condition; organize and drill said fire department and keep them within as good condition for fire-fighting as may be within his power to do; to have a substitute in the City, who has agreed to be on the job in his stead, in case of fire, whenever he shall be absent from the City; to require persons within the City to keep their premises and property clear of rubbish and in a reasonably safe condition against possible fires; to regulate, and issue permits for, the burning of grass, debris, brush, etc., within the city limits, when safety permits same.

Section 4. That any person who in any way interferes with any member of said fire department, while employed within the scope of his duty as such, shall be deemed guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance, and punished accordingly. The same shall be true of any member of said fire department who shall wilfully fail to do his duty, as such, after a fire alarm has been sounded and until the fire for which the alarm was given shall have been completely extinguished.

Section 5. That failure for any person to comply with any orders made by said Chief Engineer, in pursuance of his authority given herein and by said Committee, shall constitute a violation of this act.

Section 6. That any person found guilty, in the Municipal Court of said City, of violating this ordinance, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300.00, or by imprisonment in the City Jail of said City for a period of not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the officer presiding over said Court.

Passed by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor this 15th day of October, A.D. 1922

Attest: may John E. Eversden F. M. Warren, Mayor.
Auditor and Police Judge.