

Ordinance for the Organization and Regulation of Voluntary Fire Department

The City of Sherwood Does Ordain as Follows:

A R T I C L E 1

The Department shall consist of a Chief, assistant Chief, and not less than 15 members, and the number of members may be increased when deemed necessary by the Chief for the effective operation of the Department.

A R T I C L E 2

The Chief shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Sherwood for a period of two years, or until his successor is duly appointed and qualified, and his tenure of office shall depend upon his good conduct and efficiency. He shall be selected upon his qualifications to command men and hold their respect and confidence, and removed only for just cause and after a hearing before the City Council.

A R T I C L E 3

The Assistant Chief and all other officers and members of the Department shall be appointed by the Chief, such officers and members shall be accountable to the Chief, and subject to removal by him.

A R T I C L E 4

The Chief shall formulate a set of rules and regulations to govern the Department, and shall be responsible to the City Council for the personnel, morale and general efficiency of the Department.

A R T I C L E 5

The Chief shall at least once a month conduct suitable drills or instructions in handling of the fire equipment, and other matters generally considered essential to good firemanship and safety of life and property by fire.

A R T I C L E 6

The Chief is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour for the purpose of making inspections and to serve written notice upon the owner or occupant to abate, within a specified time, any and all fire hazards that may be found. Any person or persons so served with a notice to abate any fire hazard or hazards, shall comply therewith and promptly notify the Chief.

A R T I C L E 7

The Department shall be equipped with such apparatus and other equipment as may be required from time to time, for the efficiency in protecting life and property from fire. The Chief and his assistant shall keep in a clean and first class condition all fire apparatus used for the extinguishment of fires.

A R T I C L E 8

All fire equipment of the Department shall be safely and conveniently housed in such a place as designated by the City Council, and no person or persons shall use any fire apparatus or equipment for any private purpose, nor shall any person or persons take away from the fire house any article used in any way by the Department for the purpose of fighting fire.

A R T I C L E 9

The Chief shall make an annual report to the City Council within one month after the first of the fiscal year, such report to include the number of fires, their location and cause, date of same and loss occasioned thereby, and the condition and efficiency of the fire apparatus.

A R T I C L E 10

The assistant Chief shall rank next to the CHIEF and shall have similar qualifications. He shall take complete charge in the absence of the Chief and be vested with the same authority and duties while so acting.

A R T I C L E 11

Should the Chief or assistant chief be absent from a fire, the person having charge of the apparatus first arriving at the fire shall assume the duties of the Chief or assistant Chief until the arrival of his superior officer.

A R T I C L E 12

The Chief or assistant Chief are hereby vested with full and complete police authority, and are hereby authorized and directed to require and secure the removal of any and all obstructions in preventing free action of the department in fighting fire.

A R T I C L E 13

All members of the fire Department including Chief and assistant Chief, shall receive a compensation the sum of one dollar for each fire participated in. All claims in this connection is to be ~~approved and certified to by the Chief~~ *paid upon approval by the Council*

A R T I C L E 14

Any person or persons violating the provisions of Article Six of this Ordinance, and shall, upon conviction before the City Recorder, pay a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00.

Inasmuch as this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Sherwood, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council, and its approval by the Mayor.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Sherwood, Oregon, by unanimous vote upon the final reading at the regular meeting of said Council-----

Feb. 7th 1941

*Floyd C. Shoop
Recorder*