

CHAPTER 91: FIRE PREVENTION

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 91.001 TITLE AND PURPOSE.

- (A) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as “The Fire Prevention Ordinance”.
(Prior Code, § 8-1-1)
- (B) This chapter provides for matters intended to safeguard life and property against fire hazards in the village.
(Prior Code, § 8-1-2)

§ 91.002 FIRE CHIEF TO ADMINISTER PROVISIONS.

- The provisions of this chapter shall be administered and enforced by the Fire Chief of the Fire Department, hereinafter referred to as the Chief.
- (Prior Code, § 8-1-3)

ENFORCEMENT BY FIRE CHIEF

§ 91.015 POWER AND DUTY TO INSPECT.

- (A) (1) The Chief shall inspect, or cause to be inspected by uniformed officers or other members of the Fire Department, as often as may be necessary, all buildings and premises, except the interiors of dwellings, to ascertain and cause to be corrected any conditions that are liable to cause fire or may be in violation of this chapter.

(2) Additional inspections shall be made on complaint of a resident of the village or other responsible person, and on information or report of an official or employee of the village government.

(Prior Code, § 8-1-4)

(B) (1) The Chief shall have the power and it shall be his or her duty, upon discovery of a condition in or about a building or premises that may endanger life or property because of the hazard of fire or explosion, to order or direct the removal or remedying of the condition forthwith, covering among other matters the improper use or storage of combustible or explosive matter, or the dangerous or unnecessary accumulation of rubbish, waste paper, boxes, shavings or other flammable materials or the obstruction of fire escapes, stairs, passageways, doors or windows liable to interfere with the egress of occupants in case, of fire or with the operations of the Fire Department.

(2) The orders shall be in writing and shall fix a period of time within which compliance shall be met; provided that in case of highly hazardous conditions or in any emergency such an order may be oral and shall be of the same effect as if in writing.

(Prior Code, § 8-1-6)

(C) For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this subchapter, the Chief or other member of the Fire Department designated by him or her, or a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners may at any reasonable hour, or in the case of an emergency at any hour, enter upon a building or premises.

(Prior Code, § 8-1-7)

§ 91.016 POWER AND DUTY TO INVESTIGATE FIRES.

(A) The Chief, or a member of the uniformed force designated by him or her, shall investigate and examine into the cause and circumstances of every fire by which any building or property shall have been burned, damaged or destroyed, either in whole or in part.

(B) If evidence of incendiarism be found, the Chief or member of the uniformed force designated by him or her shall at once reduce his or her findings to writing and shall forthwith submit the report including the names and addresses of witnesses to the Board of Fire Commissioners with a copy to the Chief of Police.

(Prior Code, § 8-1-5)

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

§ 91.030 PROHIBITION AGAINST BUILDING FIRE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The building of fires in any of the streets, alleys, rights-of-way, sidewalks and public property in the village is hereby prohibited.

(Ord. 2-2006, passed 3-27-2006) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.031 DEPOSITING HOT MATERIAL IN, ON OR NEAR WOOD PROHIBITED.

No person shall deposit ashes or hot material of any kind on a wooden floor or in proximity to a combustible partition within a building, or in a wooden receptacle or other container made of combustible materials.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-1) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.032 PROHIBITION AGAINST OILY RAGS OR WASTE; EXCEPTION.

No person shall keep or permit to be kept on any premises, oily waste or oily rags, unless at all times, when not actually in use, the oily waste and oily rags be kept in a metal can with riveted joints, having a self-closing cover, and standing on metal legs which raise the bottom of the container at least three inches above the floor.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-2) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.033 AREAS TO BE MAINTAINED FREE OF COMBUSTIBLE ACCUMULATION.

(A) Every place of business covered by this chapter shall be kept free and clean of waste paper and other combustible material.

(B) No person shall permit accumulation of waste paper, hay, grass, straw, weeds, litter or combustible or flammable waste, or rubbish of any kind to remain in a cellar, upon a roof, or in a court yard, vacant lot or open space.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-3) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.034 WHEN APPROVAL REQUIRED.

No person shall build, maintain or use a fire upon a dock, or bulkhead, nor in or upon a public street or other public place, nor in or on the premises or grounds of a building or structure under construction or being demolished, without first having secured the approval of the Chief.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-4) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.035 FIRE EXTINGUISHED UPON ORDER OF CHIEF.

Whenever the burning of brush or trash on private property is, in the opinion of the Chief, of a magnitude or nature as to endanger life or property, or is not properly supervised, he or she shall order the owner or occupant of the property to extinguish the fire forthwith. In case the order is not promptly complied with, the Chief shall cause immediate extinguishment of the fire to be made.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-5) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.036 REQUIRED CARE FOR DELIVERY OF FUEL OIL, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS.

It shall be unlawful for a person when delivering fuel oil or other flammable liquid to permit the oil or liquid to drip, fall or spread upon a street or other public place.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-6) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.037 DISCHARGE OF FLAMMABLE MATERIAL INTO SEWER OR DRAIN PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to discharge or lead, directly or indirectly, into a sewer or drain, either public or private, a flammable liquid, gas or vapor.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-7) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.038 STORAGE, HANDLING OF FLAMMABLE LIQUID, GAS OR VAPOR.

(A) No stove, furnace, boiler, forge or other apparatus or device using an open flame or fire, nor any electric or other apparatus which is likely to produce an exposed spark shall be used or permitted in a room or space where flammable liquid, gas or vapor is or is likely to be stored, handled or kept for use or sale.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-8)

(B) (1) No system of lighting using an open flame shall be installed or used in a room or space where flammable liquid, gas or vapor, or combustible material regulated by this section is or is likely to be stored, kept, handled or used.

(2) No person shall use or take into a room or space where flammable liquid, gas or vapor, or combustible material regulated by this chapter is stored, kept or handled or used, any portable lighting device other than protected incandescent electric light.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-9)

(C) No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe or match within a room or space where flammable liquid, gas or vapor, or combustible material regulated by this section is stored, handled or kept for use or sale.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-10(a)) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.039 "NO SMOKING" SIGNS POSTED BY CHIEF.

Whenever, in his or her judgment, it seems necessary or desirable, the Chief shall require signs to be conspicuously displayed in one or more locations, bearing the words "No Smoking" in red letters at least four inches high on a white background, and "By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners" in black letters at least two inches high.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-10(b))

§ 91.040 USE OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS FOR CLEANING PROHIBITED.

The use of gasoline or other flammable liquids for cleaning purposes is prohibited.

(Prior Code, § 8-2-11) Penalty, see § 10.99

FIRE EXTINGUISHMENT

§ 91.055 REQUIREMENT OF EXTINGUISHING MATERIALS.

The owners and proprietors of multi-family houses, lodging houses, public buildings and business buildings shall except so far as specific provision is made in this subchapter or in the state labor law, provide fire extinguishers, buckets, axes, fire hooks or other portable appliances for preventing and extinguishing fires as the chief engineer shall direct.

(Prior Code, § 8-3-1)

§ 91.056 USE OF HYDRANT.

No person, other than an employee of the water company supplying water or a member of the Fire Department acting under the order of the Chief, shall open, use or tamper with a fire hydrant without previous permission in writing from the water company. No person shall leave the hydrant open for a longer period than limited in the permission, or use water for other purposes than authorized by the water company.

(Prior Code, § 8-3-2) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 91.057 FALSE ALARM PROHIBITED.

No person shall willfully give or cause to be given a false alarm of fire.

(Prior Code, § 8-3-3) Penalty, see § 10.99