



ORDINANCE NO. 380

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND REGULATION OF THE CITY OF REXBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE OFFICERS, FIREMEN, AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, DISCIPLINE, DRILLS, BUILDING INSPECTIONS, REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO:

SECTION I: ORGANIZATION:

It shall be the duty of the City Council of the City of Rexburg to have complete supervision of the Fire Department and require the Fire Chief to make a complete annual report concerning the department in general, giving the description of the condition of the department, make suggestions and recommendations for major improvements and tell of the activities during the year.

The Fire Chief shall be directly responsible to the City Council in his capacity as head of the Fire Department.

SECTION II: FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Department shall consist of a Fire Chief and one Assistant Fire Chief and as many other officers and firemen as are approved by the City Council of the City of Rexburg.

SECTION III: OFFICERS:

- A. Fire Chief: The Fire Chief shall be the chief executive officer of the Fire Department and shall be invested with the following authority and duties.
1. To have direct control, management, and direction of all officers and men of the Fire Department and the power to detail any of them to such public service as he may see fit, looking to the best interests and efficiency of the departments.
 2. To carry out strictly the enforcement of the rules and regulations of the department and be able to suspend or remove from service any officer or fireman for cause in such manner as is provided in these regulations.
 3. To exercise supreme command over the department at fires and over all equipment belonging to it.
 4. To cause to be extinguished all fires with the least possible damage to life and property and prevent unnecessary damage by water and fire.
 5. To see that the premises on which fires occur are left in such condition that they will not rekindle and cause further damage to life and property.
 6. To observe the general condition of the department and apparatus and make a quarterly report to the supervisory body concerning same along with a complete report of the activities of the department.
 7. To make a complete investigation of each fire, keeping the record of and determining the cause, amount of loss to building and contents, amount of insurance coverage and insurance paid, number and description of each building destroyed together with names of owners and occupants.

8. To keep complete records of the attendance of every officer and fireman to fire drills, schools, and meetings.
- B. The Assistant Fire Chief: The Assistant Chief shall rank next to the Fire Chief and shall have similar qualifications. He shall take complete charge in the absence of that officer and be invested with the same authority and duties while so acting.

SECTION IV: FIREMEN:

1. In general all firemen shall be trained to handle any and all of the fire apparatus provided, also the act in any desired capacity in handling first aid, fire appliances, hose, chemical engines or doing salvage work.
2. Any fireman leaving town for some time shall inform the Fire Chief immediately and obtain a leave of absence. Failure to do so may leave the company undermanned and shall be punishable (by fine, demerit, or other type of disciplinary action adopted by the department)
3. Appointment of new men to the Fire Department shall be made with the object of improving the operation efficiency and general excellency of the man-power. In the selection of men consideration shall be given to the following rules: All firemen shall be required to pass a physical examination as shall be prescribed by the City Physician.
4. Membership in the Fire Department should of itself confer distinction and should carry some privileges sufficiently attractive to make membership desirable and sought after. The rate of payment for service at fires and drills shall be established by the City Council.
5. It shall be mandatory for a fireman to retire at the age of 62 years.
6. Strict discipline shall at all times be maintained for the purpose of contributing as a necessary factor, to the smoothness of operation and efficiency of the department.

Fireman shall hereby note that absolute discipline and the prompt obedience to orders is at all times required.

SECTION V: DRILLS:

1. The department shall be drilled and maintained to the end that fires shall be controlled immediately at their start so far as possible. Drills shall be in charge of a competent officer of fireman who shall be responsible for the proper training and drilling of men and the standardization of methods.
2. Complete drills shall be held by each company at least twice a month. (Company drills for full paid men should be held at least weekly.)

SECTION VI: BUILDING INSPECTIONS:

1. The fire Chief or any person he may so designate is hereby authorized, empowered, and required to inspect from time to time, but no less frequently than twice yearly, all buildings and premises where accumulation of combustible materials or other hazardous conditions and liable to exist and to order such changes or removals as in his opinion are necessary for safety from fire, principally in the business and industrial sections; for the purpose of inspection, he is hereby empowered to enter any and all buildings and premises at any reasonable hour.
2. Also, in the same districts for the purpose of facilitating fire fighting, building inspections shall be made by the department officers from time to time but not less frequently than once every three months to determine the arrangements of buildings with respect to one another, to familiarize themselves with the inside of every building and its contents, to study the best methods of attacking every building in case of fire and

to note all new constructions.

3. Records shall be kept of all inspections including notes and sketches. These records, shall be made a permanent part of the records of the Fire Department.
4. The Fire Chief or any person he may so designate, is hereby authorized, empowered and required to inspect buildings in which public gatherings are held at the time of such gatherings and to prohibit the overcrowding of any building in which such gatherings are held and to prohibit the closing or crowding of exits by people and the obstruction of stairways at such gatherings.

SECTION VII: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES:

All Ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION VIII: PENALTIES:

1. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 and upon failure to pay such fine shall be committed to the custody of the Chief of Police and confined in the City Jail at a rate of \$1.50 per day until the fine is paid in full.

This Ordinance shall be in full effect from its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 2nd day of April, 1952.

W. N. Smart, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Loretta M. Rigby, City Clerk

STATE OF IDAHO)
)ss.
County of Madison)

I, LORETTA M. RIGBY, City Clerk of the city of Rexburg, Idaho, do hereby certify: That the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Ordinance Entitled:

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Loretta M. Rigby, City Clerk