

FIRE ORDINANCE

Ordinance number 390.

By A. F. LATTIG.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF PAYETTE, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED By the Mayor and Council of the City of Payette, Idaho:

Section 1.

The fire department of the City of Payette shall consist of a fire chief and one assistant fire chief and not to exceed fourteen firemen. All members of the fire department must be approved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Payette, Idaho.

Section 2.

The fire chief shall be the chief executive officer of the fire department and shall be invested with the following authorities and duties:

A. 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 interest and efficiency of the department.

B. To carry out strictly the rules and regulations of the department and to require any officers or firemen not complying with the rules and regulations of the department to appear before the City Council and show cause, if any they have, why they or any of them have not complied with the rules and regulations of the department.

C. To exercise supreme command over the department at fires and over all equipment belonging to it.

D. To cause to be extinguished all fires with the least possible danger to life and property and prevent unnecessary damage by water and fires.

E. 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.

F. To observe the general condition of the department and apparatus and make a quarterly report to the City Council concerning same along with a complete report of the activities of the department.

G. To make a complete investigation of each fire, keep a record of the date, determine the cause, amount of loss to buildings and contents, amount of insurance coverage and insurance paid, number and description of each building destroyed, together with names of owners and occupants.

H. To be present at or supervise all inspections ordered by the City Council.

Section 3.

ASSISTANT CHIEF.

The assistant chief shall rank next to the chief and shall have similar qualifications. He shall take complete charge in the absence of that officer and be invested with the same authorities and duties while so acting.

Arrangements shall be made so that the assistant chief will always be present in the absence of the chief.

In the presence of the chief it shall be the duty of the assistant chief to aid the chief in every possible manner, to main-

tain strict discipline and insure efficient operation of the department.

Section 4.

OPERATORS AND DRIVERS.

Operators in charge of pumping engines shall act as drivers thereof, and:

A. Shall be held responsible for the care and management of their apparatus, seeing that it is left clean, in good order and ready for service at all times.

B. Shall be responsible for getting the engine to the fire and properly maneuvering and taking same to hydrant for operation.

C. Shall, when working the engine at fires and drills, exercise proper judgment as to pressure needed, taking in consideration size and construction of building, the amount of hose laid and bearing in mind that it is not desirable to carry unnecessary pressure.

Drivers of other automobile apparatus to which they are assigned shall be responsible for the care and management of same and shall see that it is in condition for service at all times.

D. Motors shall be started at least once ~~in~~ each ~~day~~ and run until thoroughly warm. Use of choke shall be minimum and motor allowed to run at full idle for several moments before shutting down.

E. A complete log book record shall be kept for each piece of automobile apparatus and entries made of all operation, warm ups, maintenance, etc.

F. Operators and drivers shall, at all times, be under the supervision and direction of the fire chief.

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REPAIRS.

Operators and drivers shall inform the fire chief of all necessary repairs needed for their apparatus and shall do or cause to be done without further delay all of such necessary repairs.

Section 6.

RELIEF OPERATORS AND DRIVERS.

There shall be provided, for each operator or driver, a substitute who shall serve in the absence of such regular operators and drivers as are appointed.

They shall be fully instructed, trained and informed and be thoroughly capable of taking charge of apparatus and performing the necessary duties as may be required of them in the absence of the regular man.

Section 7.

FIREMEN.

In general, all firemen shall be trained to handle any and all of the fire apparatus provided; also to act in any desired capacity in handling first aid fire apparatus, hose, chemical engines or doing salvaging work. They shall do everything within their power to get the fire under control, to remain at their posts of duty unless excused by the commanding officer and to return with the apparatus from fires, alarms or drills to the fire station.

Any fireman leaving town for some time shall inform the fire chief immediately and obtain a leave of absence.

One-half of all firemen to be designated by the fire chief and to be rotated at least once in every three months shall, upon the sounding of the first alarm report for duty immediately and with all possible speed; and upon the sounding of a second alarm all of the remaining firemen shall also report for immediate duty.

Section 8.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS.

The fire chief and assistant fire chief shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council. Their respective terms of office shall be indefinite, but not to exceed two years and they or either of them may be removed at any time by the Mayor and City Council for just cause.

Section 9.

ENLISTMENT OF MEN.

Appointment of new men into 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:

- A. Age of applicant shall not be less than twenty-one years or more than thirty-five.
- B. Waist measure exceeding chest measure shall be sufficient cause for rejection.
- C. Members shall reside within the City of Payette, Idaho.
- D. All new men shall serve a probation period of at least six months before permanent appointment into the department.
- E. No person shall be permitted to become or remain a

Section 10.

COMPENSATION.

Each member in good standing in the department shall receive from the City of Payette as full compensation for his labor at the end of each quarter, the amount to which he is entitled, which shall be based upon the number of runs he actually participates in; and the compensation for each run shall be as follows:

For day runs, between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M., regular runs	\$2.50 per run.
Over time	1.00 per hour.
Dry run	1.50 per run.
For night runs between the hours of 8:00 P. M. and 8:00 A. M., regular run	3.75 per run.
Over time	1.50 per hour.
Dry run	2.50 per run.

One business and one practice meeting shall be held during each month and each member shall be allowed fifty cents as compensation for each meeting which he attends, but no compensation shall be allowed for special drills or meetings.

Salary of the fire chief shall be \$10.00 per month in addition to the above schedule.

Section 11.

INTERFERENCE.

Any person or persons interfering with the firemen in the discharge of their duties, or by passing over the fire hose with any vehicle propelled by horses or motor, shall upon conviction then be fined in the sum of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00. Any person or persons who shall be guilty of removing any ladders or other fire apparatus or supplies from any of the fire stations for any purpose except to fight fire, without getting the consent of the Chairman of the Fire Committee and the

Fire Chief, shall upon conviction thereof be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00, nor more than \$25.00.

Section 12.

The Fire Department and the Officers and Members thereof shall be controlled by these regulations and all rules and regulations hereafter promulgated by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Payette, such further rules and regulations to have the same binding force and effect as if the same were enclosed herein.

Passed and approved this 4th day of April, 1932.

W. B. ...
Mayor of the City of Payette, Idaho.

ATTEST: *J. P. ...*
City Clerk.