

## ORDINANCE NO.14.

An ordinance providing for the organization and government of a fire department of the City of Payette.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of Payette:

Section I. The fire department of the City of Payette shall consist of a hose company, a hook and ladder company, and such other companies as may be organized, subject to the provisions of this ordinance.

Section II. The number of the active members of the several companies shall be as follows: Hook and ladder companies, not less than ten and no more than twenty. Hose companies, not less than eight, and not more than fifteen.

No company shall be admitted into the department which has not, at the time of its admission, upon the roll of active members at least the minimum number as required by this section. If at any time the active members of any company shall be less than the minimum number aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the president and secretary to certify the fact to the chief engineer, and the chief engineer shall report the same to the city council, and the company shall be suspended from all privileges in the department during the time such deficiency exists.

Section III. Any company desiring to be admitted as a member of the fire department, shall, after the adoption of its constitution and by-laws, submit a copy thereof to the council for its approval, together with a written statement signed by its proper officers setting forth the fact and date of its organization, the number of active members on its roll, and the name of the company. The council shall make an order either admitting or refusing to admit the company to the department. If the company be admitted, the order of admittance shall designate the number of the company.

Section IV. The companies of the department may make such by-laws and regulations for their own government as they see fit, provided the same do not conflict with the constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, and the ordinances of this city.

Section V. The officers of the department shall be, one chief engineer and one assistant engineer, each of whom shall be an active member of one of the regularly organized and admitted companies of the department. They shall be elected annually on the third Monday of April by the active members of the companies, of the said department, in good standing.

Section VI. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer to notify the presidents of the several companies of the department, of the time and place of the election of officers of the department, at least ten days before the time of said election.

The president and secretary of each company of the department shall certify to the chief engineer, at least one day prior to said election, the names of the active members of their company, in good standing.

The meeting for the election of department officers shall be presided over by the chief engineer, and such elections shall, in all cases, be by ballot.

Section VII. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer to certify the result of the election of department officers to the several companies of the department, and to the council.

The council shall, at the first regular meeting after said election, direct the clerk to issue certificates of election to the persons elected upon their taking and filing with the clerk an oath to support the constitution and laws of the State of Idaho, and the ordinances of the City of Payette, and to faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices according to the best of their ability.

Upon the issuance of said certificates, the officers elect shall be entitled to enter upon the duties of their respective offices.

Section VIII. The officers of the several companies shall be one foreman and one assistant foreman, one president, one secretary, and such others as the companies may, by their by-laws and regulations provide. They shall be elected at such times and in such manner as may be provided by the several companies by their by-laws.

Section IX. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer to superintend the companies comprising the fire department, to see that they keep the apparatus and machinery under their control, in proper order, and ready at all times for active duty, and if at any time he finds any officer derelict in his duties to report him to the company of which he is a member. He shall have absolute control of the fire department at all times when it is on active duty, and shall direct or cause to be directed all the movements of the several companies.

His orders shall at all times be given to the officers in command of the several companies.

He has the authority to call out the department, or any part thereof, at any time for drill.

Section X. It shall be the duty of the assistant engineer to attend upon the chief engineer and assist him in the performance of his duties. In the absence of the chief, he shall perform the duties of that officer.

Section XI. If the office of the chief engineer or assistant engineer, or both become vacant from any cause, the officer whose duty it is, under this ordinance, to act as chief engineer, shall call an election to fill such vacancy or vacancies. Such election shall be conducted in all respects as the regular election is conducted. During a vacancy in the offices of the chief engineer and the assistant engineer, the foreman of the oldest company in the department shall act as chief engineer.

Section XII. No liability incurred by the fire department or any of the companies thereof, shall be a charge against the city unless authorized by the city council before the same is incurred.

Section XIII. When on active duty, the chief engineer and assistant engineer shall each be invested with the authority of police officers of the City of Payette.

Section XIV. It shall be the duty of the chief engineer to call out either of the companies or all, if necessary, once each month for the purpose of drill.

Section XV. Any able bodied citizen of Payette, over eighteen years of age, may become a member of either of the companies, of the companies of the department, by being elected by the active members thereof. In no case shall a negative vote of less than three reject any applicant for membership. Each member shall be exempt from performing labor upon the streets of Payette.

Section XVI. Each member in good standing in his company shall receive from the City of Payette, as compensation for his labor and diligence, at the end of each half year the sum of two and 50/100 dollars, provided no member shall receive any compensation until he shall have been a member of a company six months, and no member shall be considered in good standing who remains delinquent in his dues, fines or assessments for more than thirty days, or who is absent from the regular meetings of the company of which he is a member, more than three times in a year, unless excused in advance of such absence by the president of his company and the chief engineer.

Whenever a member ceases to be in good standing his name shall be reported to the mayor, and he shall direct the proper officer to require such member to perform the labor upon the streets as provided by law.

Section XVII. If any member of any company of the department be injured as a result of his fighting fire within this city, the City of Payette shall pay a reasonable doctor's bill, not to exceed fifty dollars. And should any member die as a result of fighting fire in this city, the City of Payette shall pay the funeral expenses not to exceed fifty dollars.

Section XVIII. The City of Payette shall pay all the reasonable expenses of the several companies, such as stationery and other incidental expenses.

Passed and approved this 9 day of Sept 1903.

S. M. Satoris  
Mayor.

Attest. G. W. Baker  
Clerk.