

ORDINANCE NO. 20.

An ordinance to regulate the construction of fireplaces, chimneys, and smokepipes, to provide for the inspection, suppression, or cleaning of fireplaces, chimneys, smokepipes, or any apparatus used in any building which may be dangerous in causing, or promoting fires; and combustible material, rubbish, or debris found in the streets, alleys, commons, or, enclosures in the City of Payette, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Section I. That every chimney or flue that may hereafter be built, within the City of Payette, shall be constructed of brick or terra cotta, and if terra cotta be used, an iron smokepipe shall pass through the same, and if of brick, it shall have walls of good quality of brick at least four inches in thickness, and shall have a bottom of at least four inches in thickness of the same material, and shall be laid in good lime mortar, and be plastered on the inside, and when passing through or near the woodwork shall be plastered on the outside.

Section II. No chimney or flue shall be built, which shall have any wood or combustible material upon, supporting, or entering into it farther than will leave at least four inches between the said material and the inside of the chimney or flue.

All chimneys shall rest upon a firm foundation, and be well secured, and shall extend at least three feet above the roof of the building to which they are attached, and shall extend at least three feet below the ceiling, and should any such chimney or flue be deemed unsafe to the building, or to the adjoining buildings, by the fire committee, it shall, upon their order, be built up to such height as they deem necessary.

Section III. No smokepipe shall enter any flue or chimney unless the said pipe shall be at least eighteen inches from either, floor or ceiling, and in all cases where pipes pass through wood or combustible partitions, ceilings, or floors of any kind, whether they be plastered or not said pipes shall be guarded by a double collar of metal, with at least two inches of air-space, and holes for ventilation, or by a soap-stone ring not less than

three inches in thickness, and extending through the partition, ceiling or floors, or by a solid coating of plaster of paris, three inches thick, or by earthen ware ring.

No smokepipe shall pass through any window, side, or roof of any building, except by special permit granted by the mayor, or the chief engineer of the city, and by them, only in cases where it may be necessary for the construction of the repairs of such building, and such permit shall be in writing, and shall designate the time for which such permit is granted.

No smokepipe shall be placed nearer than eighteen inches to any wall of combustible material, except at right angle therewith in passing the same.

Section IV. No person shall place or maintain any combustible material, waste, or rubbish of any kind, upon any of the streets alleys or commons, or, in any inclosure within the city limits of Payette without first obtaining from the chief engineer a written permit so to do.

Section V. The chief engineer, assistant engineer, and foreman of each fire company shall constitute a fire committee which shall have authority, and two members of which are hereby required, once every year, and at any other times when directed by the council, to examine the conditions of stovepipes, chimneys, and flues in Payette, and they shall have general authority to enter any premises or buildings in Payette for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this ordinance, and shall make a report thereof, in writing, to the council, and if any member of the fire committee shall judge any flue, pipe, or chimney, to be unsafe and dangerous to any property, he shall notify the owners or occupants of the property, in writing, to alter or repair such defective pipe, flue, or chimney, and in what manner to repair the same, and if said owners or occupants fail to make necessary alterations and repairs within fifteen days, it shall be the duty of said officers to make complaint of such violation of this ordinance before the police judge, and they shall also have authority to tear down, suppress, alter, or repair such defective pipe, flue or chimney as may be necessary for the protection of the community.

Section VI. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, before the police judge, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, and costs of prosecution; and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned for a time not to exceed one day for every one dollar and fifty cents of such fine, and each day of maintaining or continuing such violation, shall be deemed a new offense, and punished accordingly.

Section VII. The bills of the fire committee for services of inspection, under this ordinance, shall be at the rate of twenty cents per hour for each person, and shall be allowed in the same manner as other bills against the city.

Section VIII. All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed and approved this 9 day of Sept 1903

J. M. Latoris

Mayor.

Attest.

G. W. Baker

Clerk.