

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERMITS FOR BUILDING BONFIRES, REQUIRING SAFE DISPOSAL OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS AND STORAGE OF COMBUSTIBLE PACKING CASES, AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF FLAMMABLE MATERIALS FOR DECORATIVE PURPOSES, OPEN FLAMES AND OF FUMIGANTS.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire or authorize any such fire to be kindled or maintained on or in any street, alley, road, land or public grounds or upon any private lot unless the aforesaid bonfire is made in a pit expressly dug for the purpose which shall measure no less than two (2) feet in diameter and two (2) feet in depth: PROVIDED, That the said pit should be made no less than ten (10) feet from the nearest structure.

SEC. 2. No person shall deposit ashes, smouldering coal or embers, lighted cigar and cigarette butts, greasy or oily substances or other matters liable to create spontaneous ignition within ten feet of any wooden or plastered wall, partition, fence, floor sidewalk, lumber, hay, shavings, rubbish or other combustible materials, except in metallic or non-combustible floor or on the ground outside the building, must be placed on non-combustible stands, and in every case must be kept at least two feet away from any combustible wall or partition.

SEC. 3. No person shall permit to remain upon any roof or in any court, yard, vacant lot or open space, any accumulation of waste paper, hay, grass, straw, weeds, litter or combustible or flammable waste or rubbish of any kind. All weeds, grass, vines or other growth, when same endangers property, or is liable to be fired, shall be cut down and removed by the owner or occupant of the property it is on.

SEC. 4. No person making, using, storing or having charge or control of any shavings, excelsior, rubbish, sacks, bags, litter, hay, straw or combustible trash, waste or fragments shall fail, neglect or refuse at the close of each day to cause all such material which is not compactly baled and stacked in an orderly manner to be removed from the building or stored in suitable vaults or in metal or metal line covered receptacles or bins. The Chief of Fire Department shall require suitable baling presses to be installed in stores, apartment buildings, factories and similar places where accumulations of paper and waste materials are not removed at least every second day.

SEC. 5. The storage of empty packing cases, boxes, barrels or other similar combustible containers is forbidden without a license except in the open: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no license shall be required for the storage within a manufacturing or other establishment of sufficient packing cases, boxes, barrels or other similar containers to properly carry on its operations, but such storage shall be orderly and not so located as to endanger exit from the building. Storage in the open of packing cases, boxes, barrels or other similar combustible containers shall not be more than twenty feet in height, and shall be so located, with respect to other buildings, as not to constitute a hazard. All such storage shall be in a compact and orderly manner.

SEC. 6. Cotton batting, straw, dry vines, leaves, trees, celluloid or other highly flammable materials shall not be used for decoration purposes in show windows or stores without a permit: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That nothing in this section shall be held to prohibit the display of salable goods permitted and offered for sale in the store. Electric light bulbs in stores or public halls shall not be decorated with paper or other combustible materials unless such materials shall first have been rendered flameproof.

SEC. 7. In places of public assembly all combustible decorative materials, including curtains, accoustical materials, streamers, cloth, cotton batting, straw, vines, leaves, trees and moss, but not including floor coverings, shall be rendered flameproof: PROVIDED, This shall not be required of materials not exceeding one sixteenth inch in thickness applied directly to and adhering to a non-combustible base. Such flameproofing, unless certified by laboratories of recognized standing as being of a permanent nature, shall be tested by the Fire Department each six months and the treatment renewed if necessary.

SEC. 8. No person shall take into any building, barn, vessel, boat or any other place where highly flammable, combustible or explosive material is kept, an open flame unless such light or flame shall be well secured in glass globe, wire mesh cage or similar approved device.

SEC. 9. All chimneys, smokestacks or similar devices for conveying smoke or hot gases to the outer air and the stoves, furnaces, fire boxes or boilers to which they are connected shall be constructed and maintained in such a manner as not to endanger adjacent property, and in accordance with the Building Ordinances.

SEC. 10. No heating apparatus with an open flame, and no artificial lighting system other than incandescent electric lights shall be used in any warehouse for the storage of rags, excelsior, hair or other flammable or combustible materials; nor in any shop or factory used for the manufacture, repair or renovating of mattresses or bedding; nor in any establishment for the upholstery of furniture.

SEC. 11. No person or firm shall conduct the business of fumigation without a license.

The Chief of the Manila Fire Department shall be notified in writing when any building or structure is to be closed in connection with the use of any toxic or flammable fumigant, and a representative of the licensee shall be on duty throughout the period that entrance would be hazardous.

All licensees shall maintain and have available suitable self-contained or forced air breathing apparatus.

No fumigation room, vault or chamber using a toxic or flammable fumigant shall be maintained without a license from the Chief of Fire Department issued only after an inspection and approval of the apparatus, materials and method of operation and the persons in charge of operations.

SEC. 12. Any and all persons who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or fail to comply therewith, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order or regulation made thereunder, or who shall violate any of the conditions of any certificate or permit issued thereunder, shall severally for each and every such violation and non-compliance respectively, forfeit and pay a penalty not to exceed the sum of twenty-five pesos. The imposition of one penalty for any violation of this ordinance shall not excuse the violation, or permit it to continue; and all such persons shall be required to correct or remedy such violations or defects within a reasonable time; and when not otherwise specified, each ten days that prohibited conditions are maintained shall constitute a separate offense.

The application of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions.

SEC. 13. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 14. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

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