

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF FIRES

ORDINANCE NO. 103

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Alexandria:

- Sec. 1. No person shall, without the written consent of the City Council, erect or cause to be erected upon any lot or part of lot fronting, on Main Street north of the center of Railroad Street and south of the center of Sixth Street, and for the distance of one hundred and fifty feet each way from Main Street within the above described limits any building, or part thereof, unless the entire outside walls thereof are constructed of stone, brick, cement or other hard and incombustible material and roofed with slate, tin zinc, cement, asbestos, magnesia or other fire proof roofing; nor shall any one rebuild or repair any wooden building which becomes damaged by fire, decay or otherwise to the extent of fifty percent or more of the value thereof, and no wooden building shall be repaired so as to raised higher or to occupy greater space than before, without such written consent; provided however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting the erection or placing within said five limits of wooden buildings not to exceed 10 square feet and eight feet high if the sides, ends and roofs thereof are entirely covered in tin, iron or other incombustible substance and such building is not attached to any other wooden building or within ten feet of any other wooden structure, and a written permit therefore has first been duly granted by the City Council, that in no event shall a consent or permit be issued until after it has been duly recorded by the City Auditor.
- Sec. 2. No person shall in this City knowingly or willfully create a false alarm of fire.
- Sec. 3. Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine not exceeding One Hundred Dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail of Hanson County not to exceed sixty days.
- Sec. 4. It is hereby made the duty of the Chief of Police whenever any building is found to be in corse of erection or establishment by removal or otherwise upon any lot or part of any lot within the said fire limits contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, to immediately notify the owner or agent of the person engaged in the construction of any such building or part of building, to direct from the prosecution of such work and to abate and remove the same within three days from the date of the service of such notice; and if the same is not abated and removed within such time after service of such notice upon such owner, agent of other person so violating this Ordinance it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to go upon the premises and abate and remove such building or part of building, and the City shall have a cause of action against the party or parties so offending for the reasonable value and expense of such abatement and removal.
- Sec. 5. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Approved April 12, 1926.

E. J. Gregory
Mayor