

VIII. FIRE REGULATIONS

801. Fire Prevention

§801.010 FIRE PREVENTION; MINNESOTA UNIFORM FIRE CODE, ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. "The Minnesota Uniform Fire Code," which is comprised of the "Uniform Fire Code and Standards, 1988 Edition," promulgated by the International Conference of Building Officials and the Western Fire Chiefs Association, and amendments made thereto by the Commissioner of Public Safety through the State Fire Marshal Division, such amendments having been filed September 25, 1989, and set out in Minnesota Rules Chapters 7510.3100 - 7510.3280 are hereby adopted into this Code by reference as though printed in full herein. (Ref.Ord. Nos. 518, 10/13/71: 566, 9/17/74; 829, 1/08/91)

§801.020 FIRE PREVENTION; PROHIBITED CONDITIONS. It shall be unlawful for the owner or owners, agent or occupants of any building in the City to:

1. Allow combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulation of rubbish or unnecessary accumulation of wastepaper, boxes, shavings or any highly inflammable materials to be so situated as to endanger property, or to permit obstructions to or on fire escapes, stairs, passageways, doors or windows, liable to interfere with the operation of the Fire Department or the egress of occupants in case of fire.

2. Use or to permit to exist any premises, buildings or structures, or any portions thereof, which by reason of want of repairs, dilapidated condition or damage by fire, or from any other cause, are especially liable to fire, or which are so situated or are in such condition as to endanger its occupants or persons therein, or the general public.

3. Permit to exist upon any premises aforesaid, any electrical wiring so defective as to constitute a fire hazard or any defective heating device or part thereof, including flues and chimneys of that character. (Ref. §702.020, Code 1966)

§801.030 FIRE PREVENTION; INSPECTIONS, RIGHT-OF-ENTRY. The Fire Chief or any fire person designated by him shall make inspections of property in the City at intervals of not more than twelve (12) months and locate and report to the Fire Chief such places where fire hazards exist, and abate any conditions existing contrary to this Code or the laws of the State of Minnesota. (Ref. §§702.010, 702.030, Code 1966; Ref. Ord. No. 829, 1/08/91)

§801.040 FIRE PREVENTION; FIRES, PERMIT REQUIRED. No person shall kindle or maintain any bonfire nor shall normally furnish material for any such fire nor 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 without a written permit from the City Manager or his authorized assistant. The permit shall designate the name and address of the applicant, the name and address of the owner of the property upon which the burning is to be done, the location by street address or legal description at which the burning is to be done and the date and time which such fires shall be set.

This section shall not prohibit the burning of inconsiderable quantities of rubbish on private premises on any day between the hours of four (4:00) o'clock P.M. and ten (10:00) o'clock P.M. when placed and contained in a noncombustible container or any type of container approved by the Fire Chief. (Ref. §§703.010, 703.020, Code 1966) Revised 1/08/91

§801.050 FIRE PREVENTION; OUTDOOR BURNERS. Outdoor burners shall not be located within fifteen (15') feet of any residence building or within six (6') feet of any other structure or garage, and such burners shall be so positioned that there is no direct exposure to wood fences or piled combustible material. Outdoor burners shall not be located so as to create a nuisance by reason of their smoke, constitute a fire hazard or by reason of heat or otherwise be injurious to trees, shrubs or flowers on any adjoining property. (Ref. §703.030, Code 1966)

§803.060 MINIMUM FIRE PROTECTION STANDARDS; CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE, FEE. At the time the properties are registered with the Code Enforcement Department, the owner or agent shall make application for the Certificate of Compliance. Fees shall be six (\$6.00) dollars per unit with a maximum of Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) dollars and a minimum of Thirty-Six (\$36.00) dollars per building. The biennial inspection fee shall be one-half (1/2) of the original inspection fee. When re-inspections are required, the fee shall be fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. (Ref. §703.040, Code 1966; Ref. Ord. No. 829, 1/08/91.)

§801.070 FINANCING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 429 the City Council may consider a petition to finance the installation of a privately owned fire protection system. Said petition shall be in the form and contain all information required by statute and the City. Financing petitioned improvements shall be limited by the following:

- A. The owner shall be responsible for contracting for the actual installation of the fire sprinkler system. However, the City shall have the final right to disapprove any contractor selected by the owner.
- B. The amount to be specially assessed for the project must be verified by a sworn construction statement and shall not exceed that amount plus reasonable design fees, City administrative costs and interest charges. The petitioner shall be responsible for any construction costs exceeding the amount of the construction estimate.
- C. The petitioner must waive all rights to a public hearing and any appeal of the special assessment adopted by the City Council.
- D. No payment shall be made by the City for installation until the work is completed and finally approved by the City Council and the assessment is adopted.
- E. No special assessment shall be made for a period of more than 10 years.
- F. If the petitioner requests the abandonment of the special assessment project, all City costs incurred shall be reimbursed by the petitioner.
- G. All petitions for the special assessment of the improvement must be received and acted upon by the City Council prior to the start of any fire sprinkler installation.
- H. Consideration of any petition made under this section is subject to a determination by the City Council, in its sole discretion, that sufficient City funds are available for the improvement (Ref. Ord. 950, 10/28/97).

§801.080 FIRE PREVENTION; INTERFERENCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT, FALSE ALARMS. No person not a member of the Fire Department, or not authorized by proper authority, shall ride upon any fire engine or other vehicle belonging to the Fire Department while going to or returning from fires. No person shall willfully injure in any manner, or interfere with at any time, any hose, fire alarm, fire engine, automobile or other apparatus, or any building containing the same, belonging to the City.

No person shall knowingly give or cause to be given any false alarm of fire.

No person shall neglect or refuse to obey any order of the Fire Chief or his assistants at a fire, or in any way interfere with the Fire Department in the discharge of its duties. It shall be lawful for the Fire Chief or his assistants to arrest any suspected person, or any person hindering, resisting or in any manner interfering with the Fire Department, or refusing to obey any such officers while acting in the discharge of their duty. (Ref. §1302.110, Code 1966)

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