

ORDINANCE NO. 12.

An Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance to Provide for the Prevention of Fires, and the Protection of Persons and Property Endangered Thereby".

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Hood River:

Section 1. That all that portion of the town of Hood River embraced within the boundary lines herein designated, shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be within the fire limits of the town of Hood River, to wit: Commencing at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and Irving Street, running thence north to the O.R. & N.R.R. track, thence easterly along said rail road track to Hood River; thence southerly along the west bank of Hood River, to its point of intersection with first street in Winan's Addition; *thence west along said First Street to Sherman Avenue;* thence west along Sherman Avenue to the place of beginning.

Section 2. That no person or persons, company or corporation shall hereafter erect any building within the fire limits of the town of Hood River, unless he or they shall construct, or cause the same to be constructed so as to conform with all of the following conditions;

All buildings over one story in height shall have scuttle frames and doors or bulkheads leading to the roof, not less than two by three <sup>feet</sup> in size, with ladders or stairways leading to the same, and all such scuttle and stairways shall be kept so as to be ready for immediate use at any time;

Every chimney or flue shall have walls of good quality of brick or stone at least four inches in thickness, laid in good lime and mortar, and shall be plastered on the <sup>in-</sup> ~~in-~~ <sup>side</sup> ~~side~~. Where passing through or near woodwork of any kind, they shall be plastered on the outside. Provided, that patent chimneys may be built, when the material and manner of constructing the same shall be approved by the committee on fire and water. No joist or timber shall rest upon, or enter into the walls of any chimney, unless there be a distance of at least six inches between the same and the inside wall of the chimney.

All chimneys shall be well secured, and shall extend at least four feet above the roof of the building, measuring from the point where the same pass through the roof of the building, and should any such chimney be deemed unsafe to any adjoining building or buildings, the committee on fire and

water may require them to be carried up to such height as may be deemed necessary;

No smoke pipe shall enter into any flue or chimney within eighteen inches of any wooden or combustible floor or ceiling;

In all cases where smoke pipes pass through wooden partitions of any kind whether the same be plastered or not, they shall be guarded by a double collar of metal with at least four inches air space and holes for ventilation or by a soap stone ring not less than three inches in thickness and extending through the partition, or by a solid coating of plaster of paris three inches thick, or by an earthenware ring three inches from the pipe.

No stove or smoke pipe shall pass through any window, side, or roof of any building except upon a permit granted by the committee on fire and water, such permit shall designate the time for which such leave is granted, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the recorder. The openings where the pipe goes through the roof or side of a building shall in all cases be at least four inches in diameter larger than the size of the pipe, and be protected by a collar of metal or other guard, as in cases of passing through partitions, and by tin or zinc on the inside ~~XX~~ and outside of such opening.

No smoke pipe shall be placed nearer than sixteen inches to any wall, except at right angles therewith when passing into or through the same;

All smoke pipes passing through the roof of a building, shall extend at least four feet above the roof, measuring from the point where they pass through the roof, and in cases where an adjoining building or buildings are endangered thereby, the committee on fire and water may require them to be carried up to such height as may be deemed necessary;

In all buildings or establishments where steam power is used, the chimneys or smoke stacks connected therewith shall extend not less than twenty feet above the roof of any building or buildings adjacent thereto;

All buildings used for public assemblages, in whole or in part, shall have the doors that are used by the public so constructed that they shall open outwardly, ~~and~~ or both outwardly and inwardly, and in no case shall they be <sup>so</sup> constructed as to open inwardly only, or to slide; and all such buildings shall have the main aisles and passage ways at least four feet in width.

Section 3. That if any building within the fire limits of the town of Hood River shall have a defective chimney, flue, stove or smoke pipe, which shall be deemed unsafe, the committee on fire and water shall notify in writing the owner or occupants thereof that the same must be repaired or removed within ten days; And the committee on fire and water may, when it deems it necessary for the better protection of property endangered from fire by exposure from any smoke or stove pipe on any building, notify the owner or occupants of any such building, in writing, to remove such smoke or stove pipe therefrom. The parties so notified shall immediately cease using any such flue, chimney, stove or smoke pipe until the same has been repaired or replaced, so as to conform with the requirements of Section 2 of this ordinance; and if the parties so notified shall persist in using the same, the committee on fire and water may cause the same to be repaired or removed, and the owner or occupants shall be liable to the town of Hood River for the costs and expenses thereof, which may be recovered by an action before the recorder's court.

Section 4. That no person or persons being within the fire limits of the town of Hood River, shall erect or maintain a stove pipe within two feet of any wooden or cloth wall, unless such wall is fully protected by a tin or zinc plate fastened thereon; or shall use fire stoves without placing thereunder zinc or other incombustible material sufficient to protect the floors from fire; or shall deposit any ashes in any wooden vessel, or on any wooden floor, or deposit them in any place in his or her own or other premises, that will be nearer than two feet to any wooden work; or shall manufacture combustible goods, or erect or cause to be erected any apparatus, machinery or building for the manufacture of combustible goods of any description; or shall use any portable light in any building or place where combustible ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ materials are kept, unless such light be securely enclosed in a lantern; or shall use a light where combustible materials are suspended above it, without so protecting it as to prevent such material from falling or coming into contact with it; or shall make or use shavings, without causing the same to be securely stored or disposed of at the close of each day, so as to be safe from fire; or shall store any hay, straw or other combustible material unless the same be enclosed, protected and secured from fire; or shall use in any livery stable, or in any place containing hay, straw or other combustible material, any lighted can-

dle or portable light, except the same be securely protected by a lantern;  
or shall make a fire or cause a fire to be made on any wooden planking;  
or make or cause to be made any open fire for burning rubbish or other  
combustible material on any street, road or lot, within twenty feet of any  
building; or shall boil any pitch, tar, resin, turpentine, varnish or other  
flamable substance, unless the same be done in an open space, at least thir-  
ty feet from any building or other property likely to be injured thereby,  
or in a fire proof building; or shall place any camp stools, chairs, sofas,  
benches or other obstructions in the main aisles or passage ways in any  
building used for public meeting or assemblage during any meeting, service,  
performance, exhibition, lecture, ball or assemblage.

Section 5. That whenever the committee on fire and water shall deem it  
necessary for the safety of any building, or adjacent buildings, to have an  
accumulation of moss removed from the roof of any building, or that any  
combustible material or property stored, or lying in or about the same or  
any adjacent premises, should be removed, or be more securely stored and  
protected, they shall so notify the owner or occupants thereof, who shall  
at once have the same removed or properly secured, as the case may be.

Section 6. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this  
ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction  
thereof before the recorder's court, shall be punished by a fine of not  
less than five, nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment of not less  
than three nor more than twenty days.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the committee on fire and water, and of  
the marshal of the town of Hood River, to see that the provisions of this  
ordinance are enforced, and to make complaint to the recorder's court for  
any violation thereof.

Passed the Common Council of the town of Hood River this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of  
July, 1895, and approved by me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1895.

*B. W. Hoagland,*  
Mayor,

Attest:

*C. P. Heald,*  
Recorder.