

ORDINANCE No 1231

AN ORDINANCE creating and regulating the Fire Department of the City of Albany, Oregon, and repealing Ordinance No. 721, entitled "An Ordinance creating and regulating the fire department of the City of Albany, passed by the Council April 22, 1914, and approved by the Mayor April 25, 1914," and repealing all Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:--

Section 1. That the Fire Department of the City of Albany, Oregon, shall consist of a Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer, four or more day firemen, six night firemen, eight, or more, call firemen, and sixteen, or more, volunteer firemen, all of whom shall be subject to the supervision and control of the City Council of said City.

Section 2. There shall be appointed by the Mayor three members of the Council to be known as the committee on fire and water, such committee to be appointed at the first regular meeting of the Council following the election, and at such meeting, or as soon thereafter as may be expedient, the Council shall, by majority vote, appoint a Chief Engineer and an Assistant Engineer. The Chief Engineer shall be chief of the Fire Department, and shall be clothed with such authority over all other members of the Department as is usual in such cases, and the Assistant Engineer shall act for and have the authority of the Chief Engineer during the Chief Engineer's absence.

Section 3. The salaries of the Chief Engineer, Assistant Engineer and firemen shall be fixed by resolution of the Council, and shall be paid monthly as the salaries of the other city officers and employes are paid.

Section 4. The Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified, or the Council may at any time by a two-third's vote declare the offices of Chief Engineer or Assistant Engineer vacant. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of Chief Engineer, or Assistant Engineer, the Council may, by a majority vote, appoint some qualified person to act until a successor be chosen.

Section 5. The Chief Engineer and regular firemen shall be on duty at all times, and shall lodge within the Department headquarters, except when away on regular leave, provided that all regular firemen shall be subject to call for duty at any and all times, whether on leave or not. The Chief Engineer may lodge at his home, provided the same be within a reasonable distance from the Department headquarters. The Assistant Engineer may be a volunteer member of the Department subject to call. The night firemen shall lodge within the Department Headquarters and shall be on duty at all times in the night until 5 o'clock A.M., and all firemen, when on duty, shall with all reasonable dispatch, answer every alarm, both day and night, and perform such other duties as the Chief Engineer or Assistant Engineer, when acting for the Chief, may prescribe. The Chief Engineer shall have power and authority to appoint firemen under the provisions of this ordinance, subject to the approval of the Council. The Chief Engineer may appoint as many call firemen and volunteer firemen as the Council may from time to time authorize. The Chief Engineer shall have power and authority to discharge any men of the Department appointed by him, or any predecessor in office, and in case of such discharge shall report the same to the Council at its next regular meeting thereafter, giving his reason for such discharge and the name of the man or men so discharged, together with the names of the man or men appointed ~~thereby~~ by him to fill the vacancy created thereby, whereupon the Council shall take action upon the approval or disapproval of such appointments.

Section 6. The Chief Engineer shall at the next regular meeting after any fire make report in writing to the Council, stating the cause, if known, a description of the property destroyed or injured, with the name of the owner thereof, and the estimated damage. He shall also report to the Council in writing at its last meeting in December each year, and oftener if required, the number, location and condition of all cisterns, hydrants, water mains and fire apparatus, and the state and condition of the Department Headquarters, and all property of the City in the custody and keeping of the Department, and with such recommendations as he may deem proper. He shall inquire into the cause of fires and cause complaints to be filed against, and diligently prosecute all persons criminally connected therewith.

Section 7. If any person elected to the office of Chief Engineer or Assistant Engineer of the fire department shall fail or refuse to qualify as required by this ordinance, within ten days from the date of his confirmation or appointment, the office shall be deemed vacant.

Section 8. Ordinance Number 721, entitled "An Ordinance creating and regulating the fire department of the City of Albany, passed by the Council April 22, 1914, and approved by the Mayor April 25, 1914" is hereby repealed, and any and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Council Aug. 25th, 1926

Approved by the Mayor Aug. 25th, 1926

ATTEST:--

F.P. Nutting,

Recorder of the City of Albany, Oregon.

J. H. ROBERTT, Mayor.

STATE OF OREGON,
County of Linn, ss. I, F.P. Nutting, Recorder of the City of Albany, Linn County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing and annexed copy of Ordinance No. 1231 has been by me carefully compared with the original Ordinance Bill No. 1331, now on file in my office, and that it is a true and correct copy of all of said Ordinance Bill No. 1331, passed by the Council August 25, 1926, approved by the Mayor Aug. 25, 1926.
WITNESS my hand and official signature and the seal of the City of Albany this 26th day of August, 1926.


City Recorder.