

ORDINANCE NO. 1499

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND REGULATING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF ALBANY.

The PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY DO ORCAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The fire department of the city of Albany, Oregon, shall consist of a chief engineer, a first assistant engineer and a second assistant engineer, four or more day firemen, six night firemen, and twenty-five or more volunteer firemen, all of whom shall be subject to the supervision and control of the city council of said City.

Section 2. The mayor shall appoint three members of the council to be known as the committee on fire and water, which committee shall be appointed at the first regular meeting of the council following the election.

Section 3. The chief engineer and the assistant engineers shall be selected by the council.

Section 4. The salaries of the chief engineer, the assistant engineers, and the 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 5. The chief engineer and the assistant engineers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are selected and qualified, or the council may at any time by a two-thirds' vote declare the office of chief engineer or assistant engineers vacant. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the chief engineer or an assistant engineer, the council may, by a majority vote, appoint some qualified person to act until a successor is chosen.

Section 6. 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, that the chief engineer's home shall be within a reasonable distance from the department headquarters. The assistant engineers shall each be a regular member of the fire department. The night firemen shall lodge within the department headquarters and shall be on duty at all times in the night until 5 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 the assistant engineers when acting for the chief engineer, may prescribe. Under the provisions of this ordinance, the chief engineer shall have power and authority to appoint firemen, subject to the approval of the council. The chief engineer may appoint as many 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 by 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 by him to fill the vacancy created thereby, whereupon the council shall take action upon the approval or disapproval of such appointments.

Section 7. At the first regular meeting after any fire, the chief engineer shall make report in writing to the council, stating the cause of the fire, if known, a description of the property destroyed or injured, 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 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 all persons criminally connected therewith and shall diligently prosecute such persons.

Section 8. 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.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY 1940.
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 10th DAY OF JANUARY 1940.

A.C. Senders
Mayor

ATTEST K.R. Horton
Recorder of the City of Albany, Oregon

STATE OF OREGON)
COUNTY OF LINN (ss. I, K.R. Horton, Recorder of the City of Albany, Linn County,
CITY OF ALBANY) State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy
of ordinance # 1499, has been by me carefully compared with the original ordinance
bill # 1618, now on file in this office, and further certify that same is a true
and correct copy of the whole of said Ordinance Bill # 1618, as passed by the
Council of said City of Albany, on the 10th day of January 1940, and approved by
the Mayor on the 10th day of January, 1940.
Witness my hand and official signature and the seal of the City of Albany,
Oregon, this 11th, day of January 1940.

K.R. Horton
Recorder of the City of Albany, Oregon.